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# Applications of Ion Chemistry in FT-ICR MS



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# Types of Ion-Molecule Reactions

- Electron-Transfer
- Proton transfer
- H-atom/ O-atom transfer
- $R^+$  transfer
- H/D exchange
- Nucleophilic displacement
- Radiative association

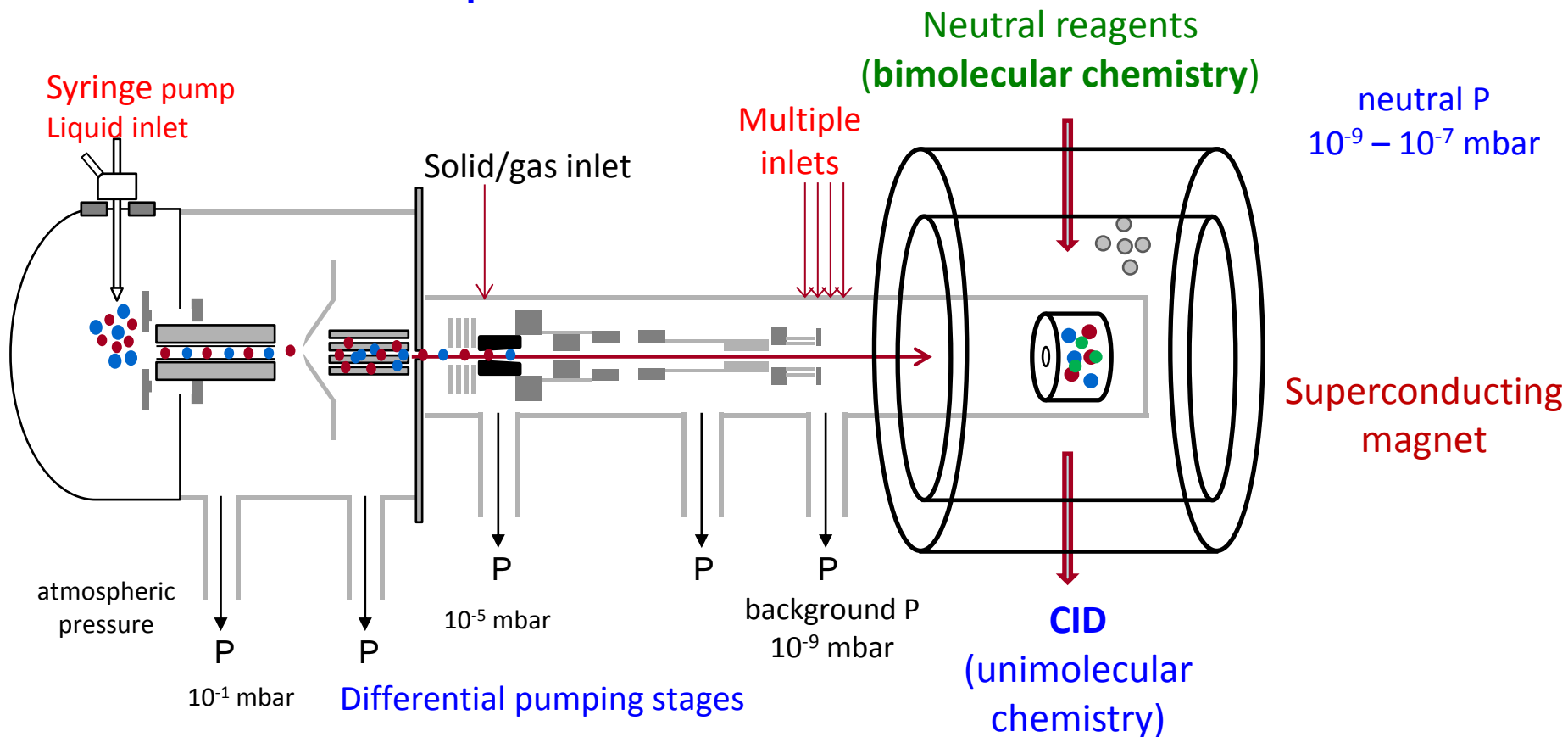
environment; atmosphere; health (diagnosis/monitoring)

A large set of IMR concerns selective reactions of neutral reagents with analyte ions performed in a FT-ICR cell to:

- identify
  - . functional groups in organic compounds
  - . functional groups in biomolecules
- differentiate
  - . (stereo)isomers
  - . charge state
- determine
  - . enantiomeric excess
  - . kinetic, thermodynamic parameters

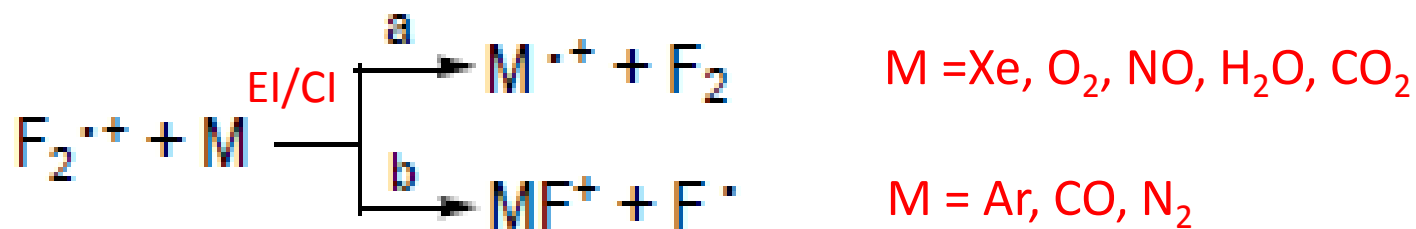


## FT-ICR mass spectrometer

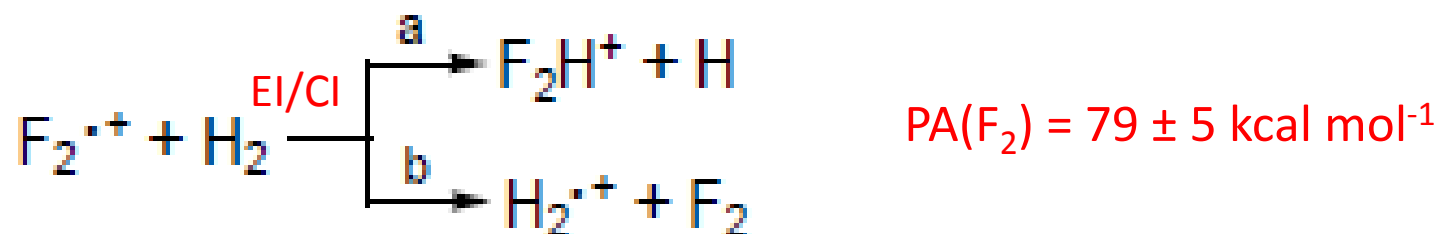


## Positive Ion Chemistry of Elemental Fluorine

Romano Cipollini, Maria Elisa Crestoni, and Simonetta Fornarini\*



$\text{F}_2^{\cdot+}$  is a source of electrophilic F !



# Compendium of the Reactions of $\text{H}_3\text{O}^+$ With Selected Ketones of Relevance to Breath Analysis Using Proton Transfer Reaction Mass Spectrometry

Michaela Malásková<sup>1†</sup>, David Olivenza-León<sup>2†</sup>, Felix Piel<sup>3,4†</sup>, Paweł Mochalski<sup>1,5\*</sup>, Philipp Sulzer<sup>3</sup>, Simone Jürschik<sup>3</sup>, Chris A. Mayhew<sup>1,2</sup> and Tilmann D. Märk<sup>3,4</sup>

soft chemical ionization, such as proton transfer reactions MS:

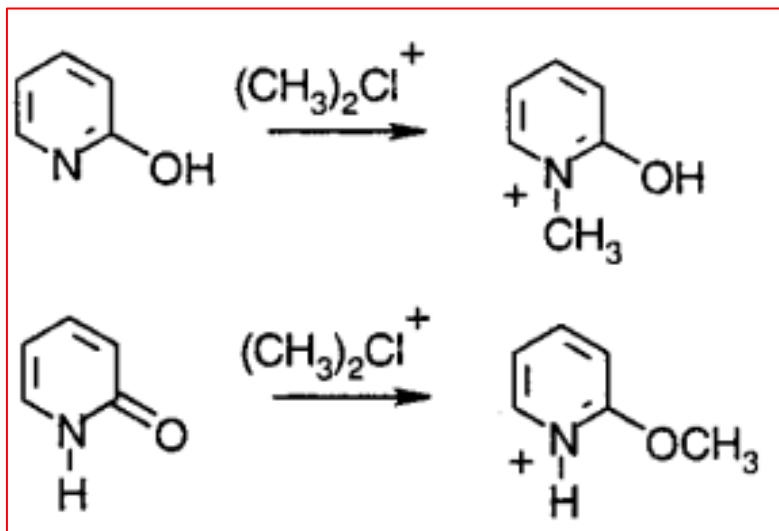


M = 2-butanone, 2-pentanone, 3-pentanone, 3-heptanone, 4-heptanone, 3-octanone, 2-nonanone, 3-nonanone, cyclohexanone

Detecting ketones in the breath may be used  
for the diagnosys of diabetic ketosis

The protonation may be partly dissociative; from the branching it is possible to distinguish different isomers without the need of pre-separation.

# Identification of functional groups in organic compounds



O'Hair, Eur. J. Mass Spectrom. 1995

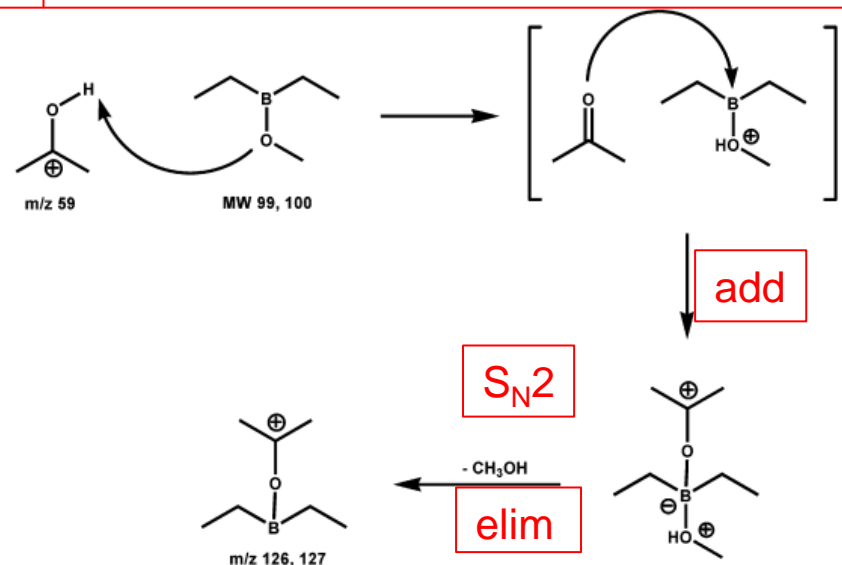
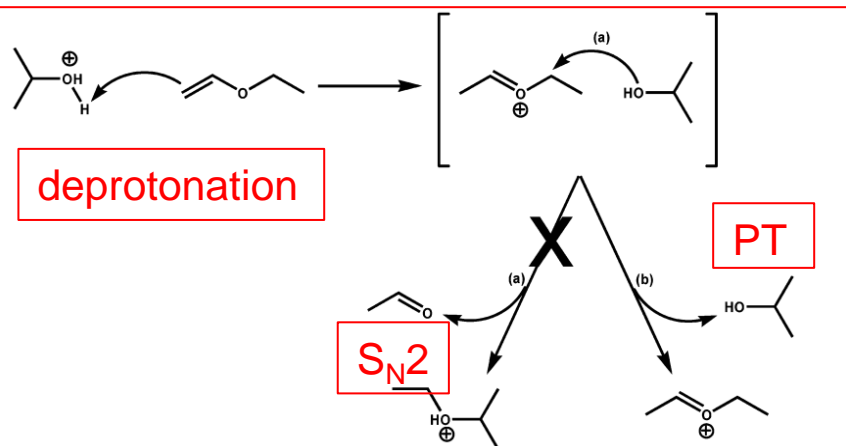
identification via CID of independently synthesized products

# Identification of functional groups in organic compounds

*Anal. Chem.* **2004**, *76*, 964–976

## Ion–Molecule Reactions for Mass Spectrometric Identification of Functional Groups in Protonated Oxygen-Containing Monofunctional Compounds

Michael A. Watkins,<sup>†</sup> Jason M. Price,<sup>†,‡</sup> Brian E. Winger,<sup>§</sup> and Hilka I. Kenttämäa<sup>\*,†</sup>



-11.6 kcal mol<sup>-1</sup>

-20.5 kcal mol<sup>-1</sup>

**diethylmethoxyborane** reacts with protonated monofunctional oxygen-containing analytes (**alcohols, ketones, aldehydes, esters, ethers, carboxylic acids, amides**) by deprotonation followed by substitution of methanol: provides structure elucidation for unknown mixture components



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H. I. Kenttämäa, *Anal. Chem.* 2004



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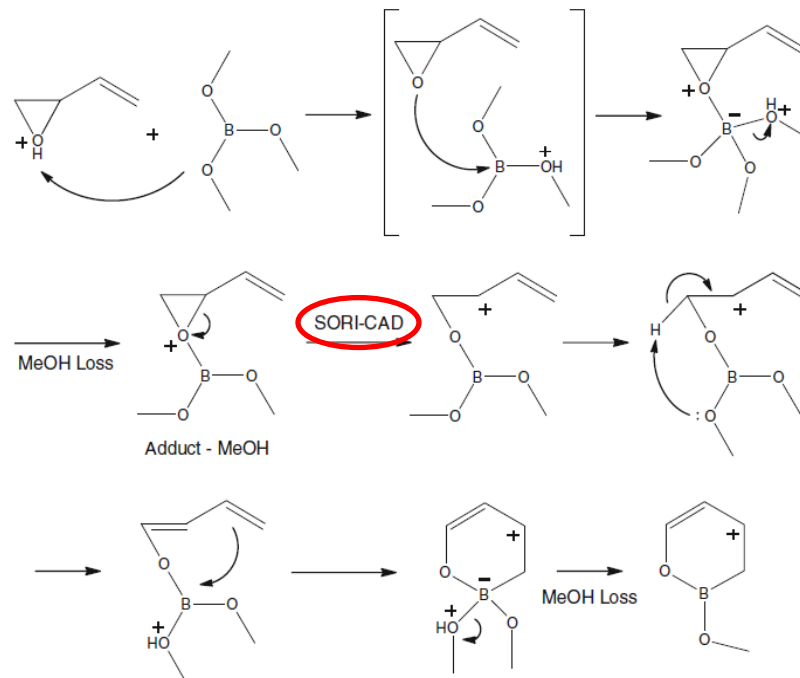
### Identification of Epoxide Functionalities in Protonated Monofunctional Analytes by Using Ion/Molecule Reactions and Collision-Activated Dissociation in Different Ion Trap Tandem Mass Spectrometers

Ryan J. Eisman, Mingkun Fu, Sonoeun Yem, Fanny Widjaja, Hilka I. Kenttämää  
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TMB is able to deprotonate O functionalities but not N groups

Vinyl and phenyl epoxides can be differentiated from other O-containing analytes, based on the loss of a second methanol molecule upon CID of the addition/methanol elimination product.

IMR involves **proton transfer** from the protonated analyte to TMB, followed by **addition** of the analyte to TMB and **elimination** of methanol



Mechanism for elimination of two methanol molecules upon reaction of protonated butadiene monoxide with TMB



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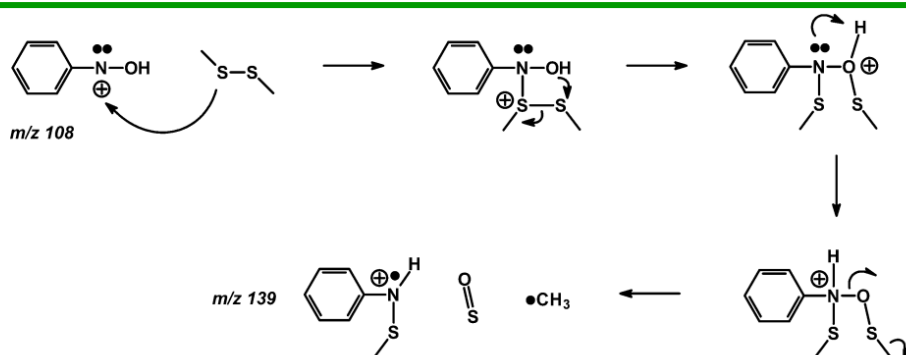
H. I. Kenttämää, *J. Am. Soc. Mass Spectrom.* 2011

# Identification of functional groups in organic compounds

*Anal. Chem.* 2005, 77, 5311–5316

## Compound Screening for the Presence of the Primary N-Oxide Functionality via Ion–Molecule Reactions in a Mass Spectrometer

Michael A. Watkins,<sup>†</sup> Danielle V. WeWora,<sup>†</sup> Sen Li,<sup>†</sup> Brian E. Winger,<sup>‡</sup> and Hilkka I. Kenttämää\*,<sup>†</sup>



protonated primary N-oxides selectively react with  $(\text{CH}_3\text{S})_2$  forming a product with 31 Da higher mass.

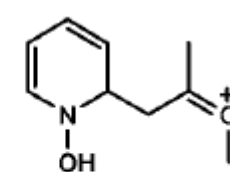
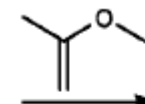
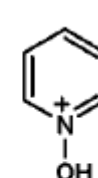
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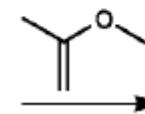
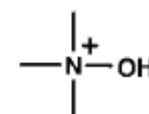
## Identification of the Aromatic Tertiary N-Oxide Functionality in Protonated Analytes via Ion/Molecule Reactions in Mass Spectrometers

Penggao Duan,<sup>†</sup> Todd A. Gillespie,<sup>‡</sup> Brian E. Winger, and Hilkka I. Kenttämää\*,<sup>†</sup>

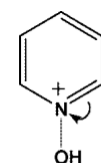
Aromatic Tertiary N-oxide



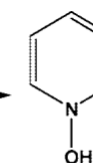
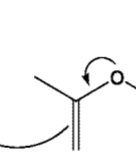
Aliphatic Tertiary N-oxide



No Reaction



m/z 96



m/z 168

protonated aromatic tertiary N-oxides selectively add 2-methoxypropene

H. I. Kenttämää, *Anal. Chem.* 2005;  
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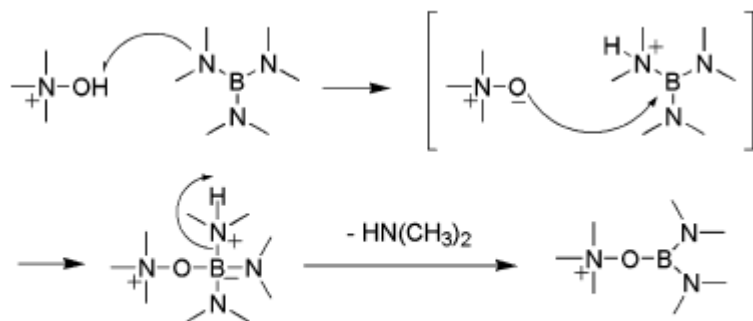
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## Identification of Aliphatic and Aromatic Tertiary N-Oxide Functionalities in Protonated Analytes via Ion/Molecule and Dissociation Reactions in an FT-ICR Mass Spectrometer

Penggao Duan,<sup>†</sup> Mingkun Fu,<sup>†</sup> Todd A. Gillespie,<sup>‡</sup> Brian E. Winger,<sup>‡</sup> and Hilkkka I. Kenttämää<sup>\*,†</sup>



**Scheme 1.** Mechanism proposed for the reaction between protonated N-oxide containing analyte and neutral TDMAB.

aliphatic and aromatic tertiary N-oxides react with tri(dimethylamino)borane yielding add-elim products identified via SORI-CID

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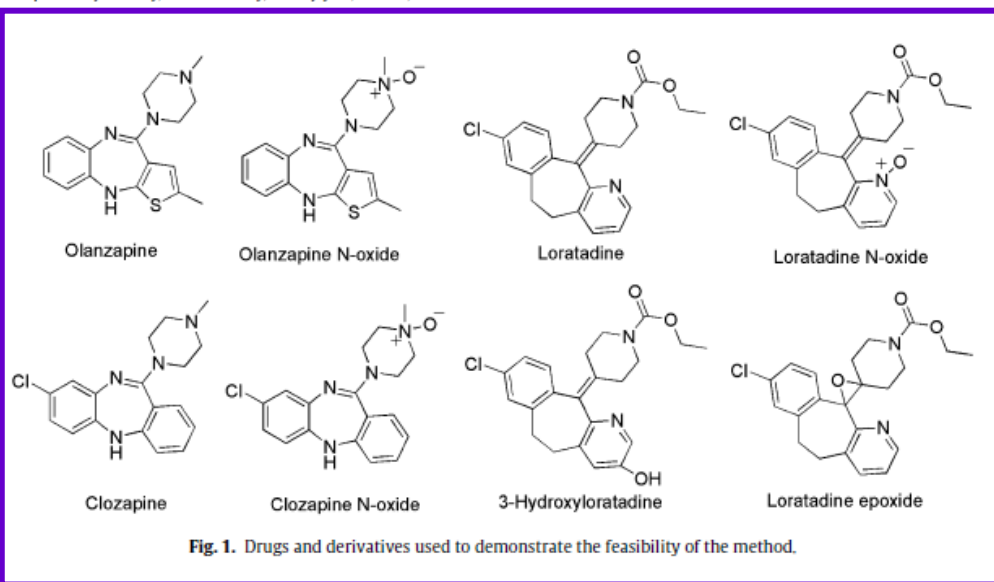
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Liquid chromatography/tandem mass spectrometry utilizing ion-molecule reactions and collision-activated dissociation for the identification of N-oxide drug metabolites

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**Fig. 1.** Drugs and derivatives used to demonstrate the feasibility of the method.

application in the pharmaceutical setting



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H. I. Kenttämää, *J. Pharm. Biomed. Anal.* 2010;  
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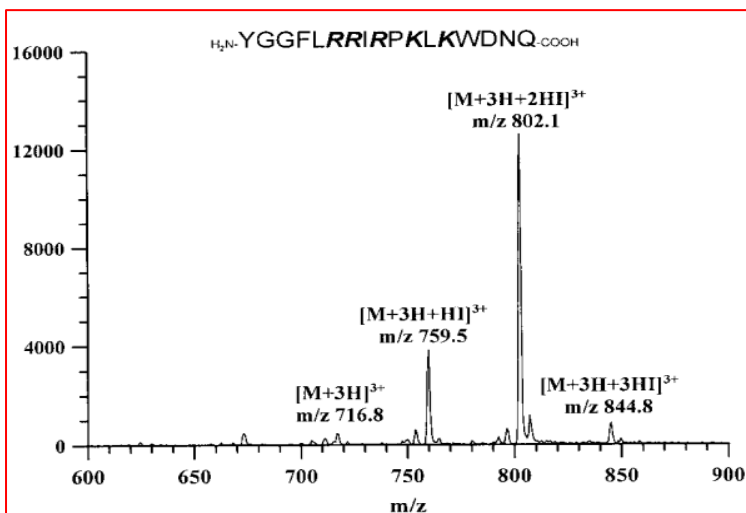
## Probing the exposure of the phosphate group in modified amino acids and peptides by ion-molecule reactions with triethoxyborane in Fourier transform ion cyclotron resonance mass spectrometry

Francesco Lanucara<sup>1,2\*</sup>, Simonetta Fornarini<sup>3</sup>, Claire E. Eyers<sup>2</sup> and Maria Elisa Crestoni<sup>3</sup>



**Scheme 1.** Addition-elimination reaction of phosphorylated amino acids and peptides with alkoxyboranes  $\text{B(OR)}_3$ .

S. A. McLuckey, *Anal. Chem.* 1997



the adducts possess as many HI units as the total number of basic aas (arginine, lysine) and the N-terminus

set of phosphorylated peptides comprising phosphorylated serine and threonine, bearing a C-terminus lysine or arginine residue and holding naturally occurring sequences

Potential to measure the effect of local environment, the exposure and accessibility of a phosphate moiety on the surface of a biomolecule and to distinguish positional phosphorylated peptide isomers

The efficiency of such reactions allows to explore the accessibility of phosphate groups in biomolecules

S. A. McLuckey et al., *Anal. Chem.* 1997;  
Lanucara et al., *Rapid Commun. Mass Spectrom.* 2014



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**insight in the coordination environment of the  
prosthetic group in systems of increasing complexity**

- Fe(III)-heme<sup>+</sup>
- MP11
- cyt c
- myoglobin

+ OP(OMe)<sub>3</sub> (GB: 206 kcal/mol)  
+ P(OMe)<sub>3</sub> (GB: 215.3 kcal/mol)

Effect of axial ligand: free and ligated heme-type ions



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+ OP(OMe)<sub>3</sub> (GB: 206 kcal/mol) «-ate»  
+ P(OMe)<sub>3</sub> (GB: 215.3 kcal/mol) «-ite»

- Fe(III)-heme<sup>+</sup> + OP(OMe)<sub>3</sub>  $\longrightarrow$  mono-adduct
  - Fe(III)-heme<sup>+</sup> + P(OMe)<sub>3</sub>  $\longrightarrow$  bis-adduct
  - [MP11+H]<sup>2+</sup> + OP(OMe)<sub>3</sub>  $\not\longrightarrow$  no- reaction
  - [MP11+2H]<sup>3+</sup> + OP(OMe)<sub>3</sub>  $\longrightarrow$  tris-adduct
  - [MP11+H]<sup>2+</sup> + P(OMe)<sub>3</sub>  $\longrightarrow$  mono-adduct
  - [MP11+2H]<sup>3+</sup> + P(OMe)<sub>3</sub>  $\longrightarrow$  mono-adduct
- back-acceptor ability of -ite
- folded conformation  
elongated conformation

Is the heme iron the site of attack of –ite in [MP11+H]<sup>2+</sup> ?

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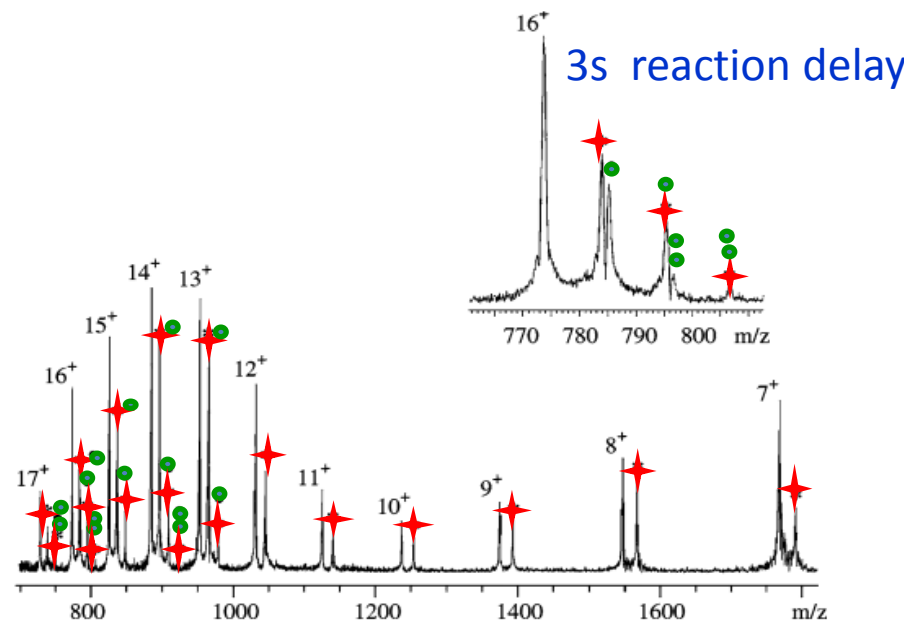
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the addition of phosphite is always limited to just one molecule, irrespective of charge state, in contrast with a charge-dependent number of added phosphate ligands

- $\text{OP(OMe)}_3$  is engaged in H bonding to protonated sites
- $\text{P(OMe)}_3$  is sampling the protein prosthetic group

- cyt c
- myoglobin

+  $\text{OP(OMe)}_3$  (GB: 206 kcal/mol)  
+  $\text{P(OMe)}_3$  (GB: 215.3 kcal/mol)



**Fig. 9** FT-ICR mass spectrum of cyt c allowed to react with a 70:30 mixture of triethylphosphite,  $\text{P(OEt)}_3$ , and triethylphosphate,  $\text{OP(OEt)}_3$ , at  $2.4 \times 10^{-8}$  mbar for 3 s. Numbers denote the charge states of cyt c ions. Each charge state forms adducts with a single  $\text{P(OEt)}_3$  molecule (represented by a star). The high charge states add up to four  $\text{OP(OEt)}_3$  molecules; each  $\text{OP(OMe)}_3$  molecule is represented by a circle



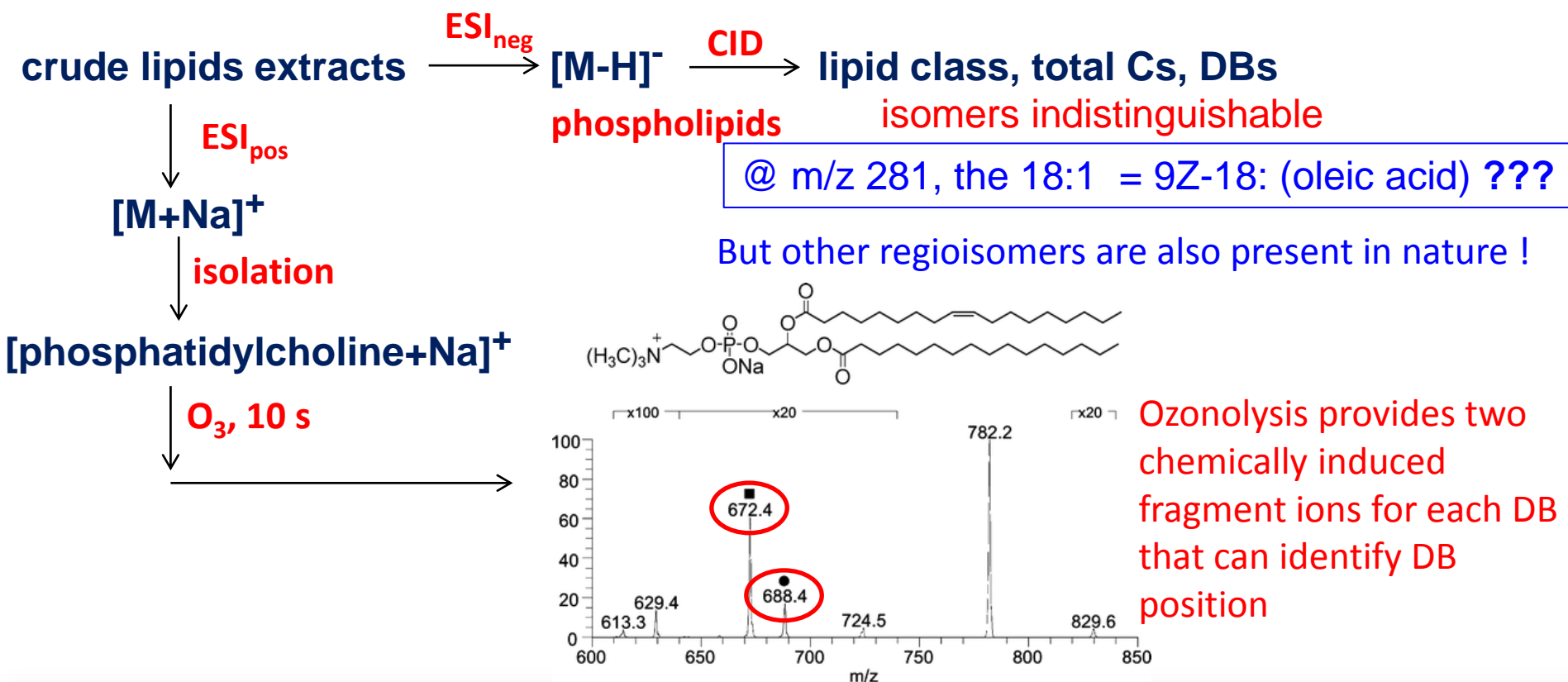
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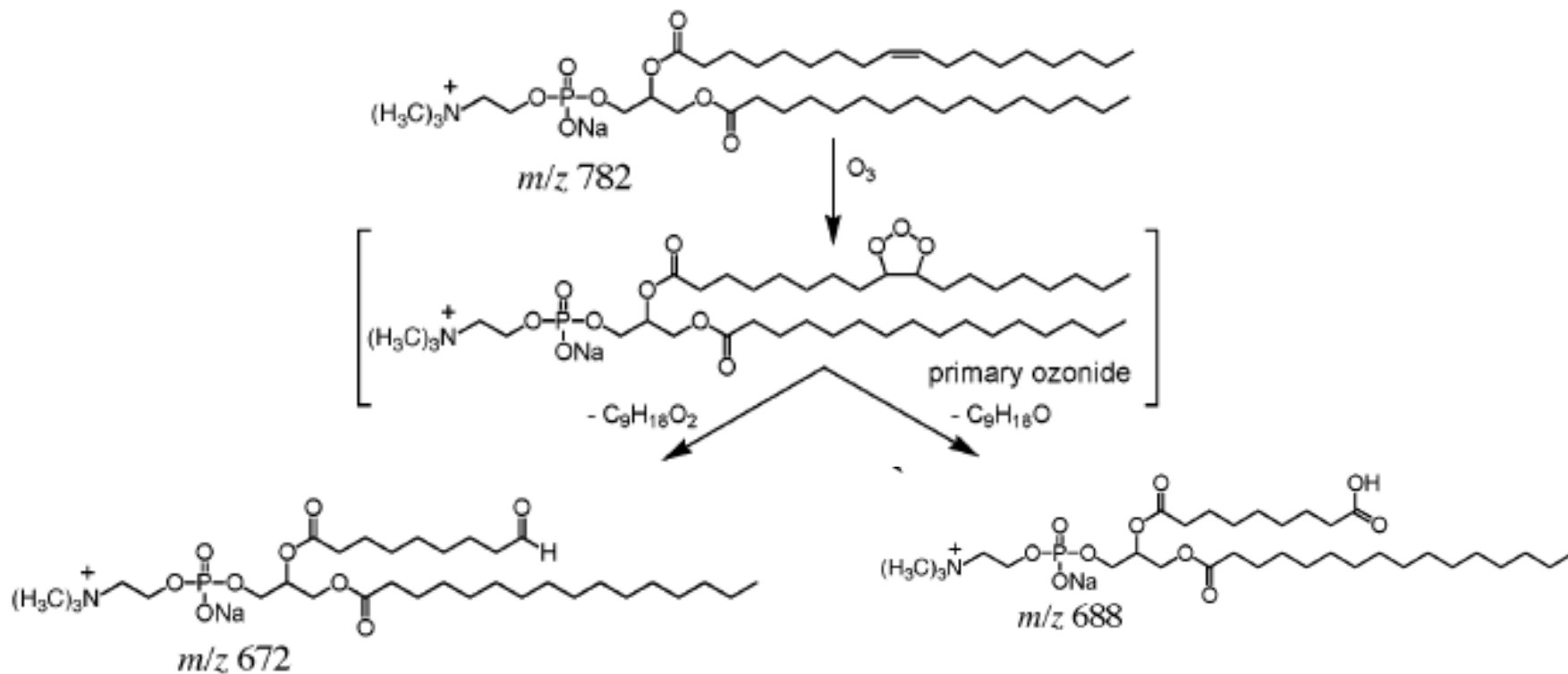
## Ozone-Induced Dissociation: Elucidation of Double Bond Position within Mass-Selected Lipid Ions

OzID

Michael C. Thomas, Todd W. Mitchell, David G. Harman, Jane M. Deeley, Jessica R. Nealon, and Stephen J. Blanksby\*







## 2-(9-oxononanoyl)- 1-palmitoyl-sn-glycero-3-phosphocholine

OzID allow Double Bond position to be assigned for several precursor ions:

$[M+H]^+$ ,  $[M+Li]^+$ ,  $[M+Na]^+$ ,  $[M-H]^-$

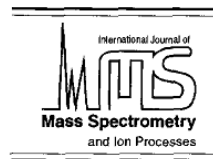
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# Differentiation of (stereo)isomers



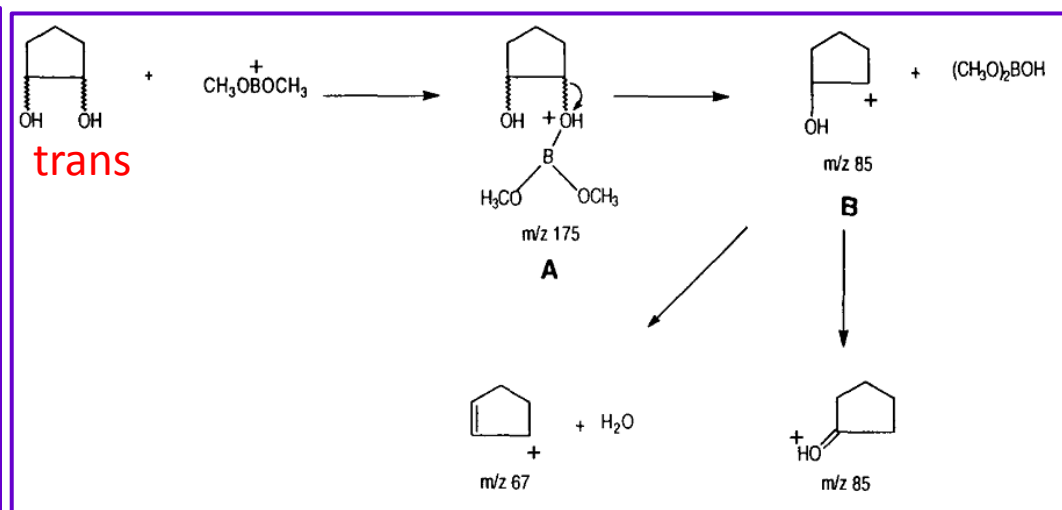
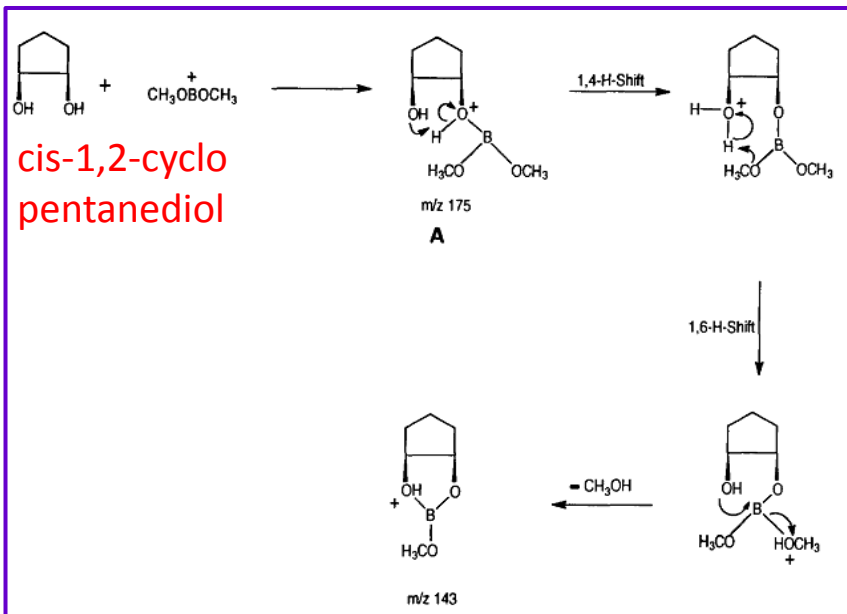
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## Differentiation of stereoisomeric diols by using $\text{CH}_3\text{OB}^+\text{OCH}_3$ in a small Fourier transform ion cyclotron resonance mass spectrometer

D.T. Leeck<sup>a</sup>, T.D. Ranatunga<sup>a</sup>, R.L. Smith<sup>a</sup>, T. Partanen<sup>b</sup>, P. Vainiotalo<sup>b,\*</sup>,  
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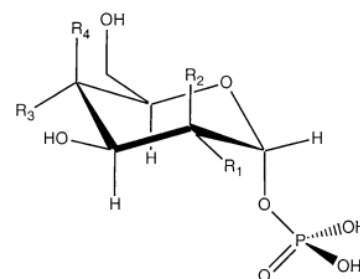
# Differentiation of (stereo)isomers

## Investigation of Ion/Molecule Reactions as a Quantification Method for Phosphorylated Positional Isomers: An FT-ICR Approach

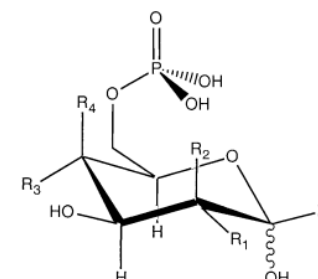
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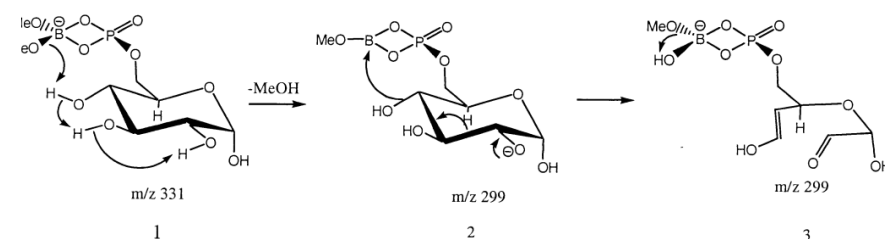
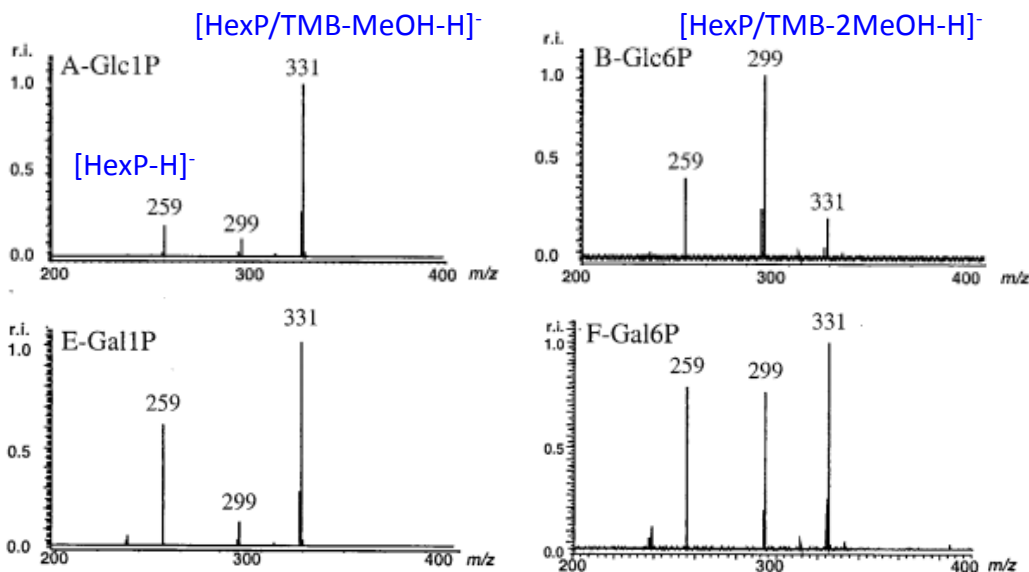
## Multicomponent quantification method + IMR with B(OMe)<sub>3</sub> in FT-ICR cell



1-phosphorylated monosaccharide



6-phosphorylated monosaccharide



Product ion distribution differs  
significantly for isomers phosphorylated  
either in the 1- or 6-position  
**further confirmed by CID**

accurate mixture composition



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J. A. Leary, JASMS 2003

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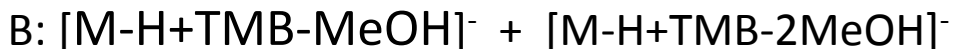
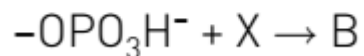
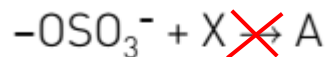
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Utilisation of gas-phase ion–molecule reactions for differentiation between phospho- and sulfocarbohydrates

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X :

Trimethylborate (TMB)

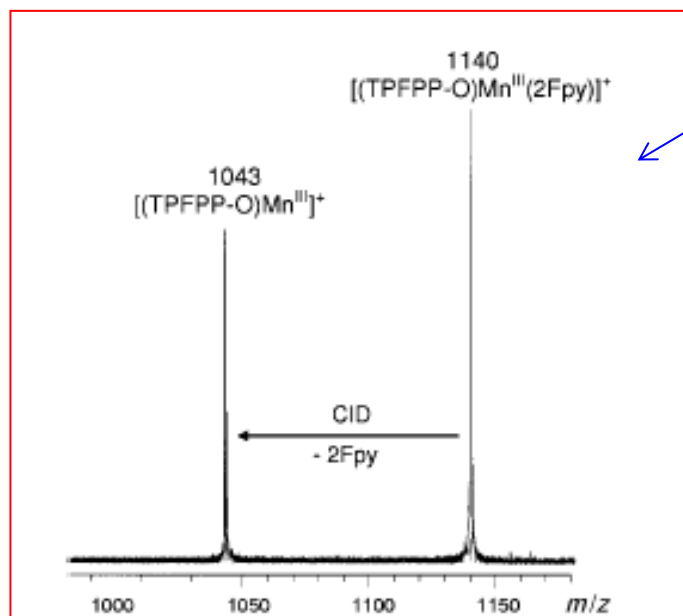
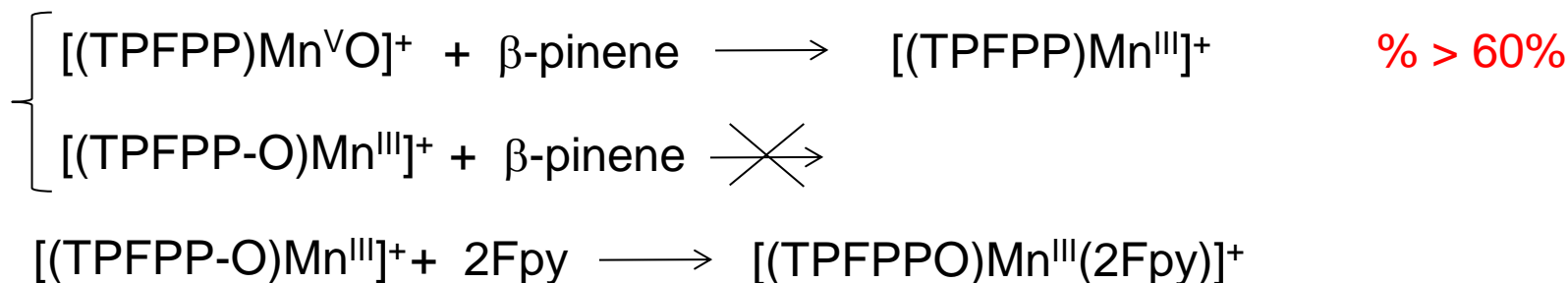
Triethylborate (TEB)

Diethylmethoxyborane (DEMB)

Diisopropoxymethylborane (DIBMP)

# Differentiation of (stereo)isomers

## Gas-phase titration



CID

Table 1. Kinetic data for the reaction of  $[(\text{TPFPP})\text{Mn}^{\text{V}}\text{O}]^+$  (**1**) with selected olefins in the gas-phase.<sup>[a]</sup>

Olefin (IE) <sup>[b]</sup>	$k_{\text{exp}}$ <sup>[c,d]</sup>	$\phi$ <sup>[e]</sup>
propene (9.73)	0.0020	0.021
3,3-dimethyl-1-butene (9.45)	0.041	0.43
( <i>E</i> )-2-butene (9.10)	0.072	0.78
( <i>Z</i> )-2-butene (9.11)	0.75	8.1
allylbenzene (7.8–8.7)	0.070	0.76
styrene (8.46)	0.63	6.8
cyclohexene (8.95)	0.75	7.7
1,4-cyclohexadiene (8.8)	0.69	7.8
1-propene, 2-methoxy (8.64) <sup>[f]</sup>	1.7	16
1,3,5-cycloheptatriene (8.30)	1.9	21
(+)-camphene ( $\leq 8.86$ )	2.6	28
indene (8.14) <sup>[g]</sup>	1.2	12
(1 <i>S</i> )-(-)- $\alpha$ -pinene (8.07)	9.0	100
$\beta$ -pinene (n.a.)	9.3	100
( <i>R</i> )-(+)-limonene (8.3)	9.2	100

The ion population reacts to completion only in the presence of both neutrals

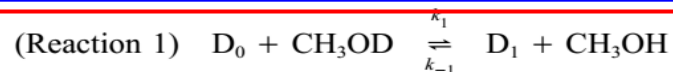
# Differentiation of (stereo)isomers

# H/D exchange reactions

for counting the active Hs and probe the structure of biomolecules

the ions can be trapped for extended periods of time in the presence of a background pressure of the exchange reagent

to observe H/D exchange, the energy released by complex formation must be sufficient to overcome the barrier to internal PT



one approach to analyze the kinetics is the «independent site treatment», where the rate constants are determined iteratively

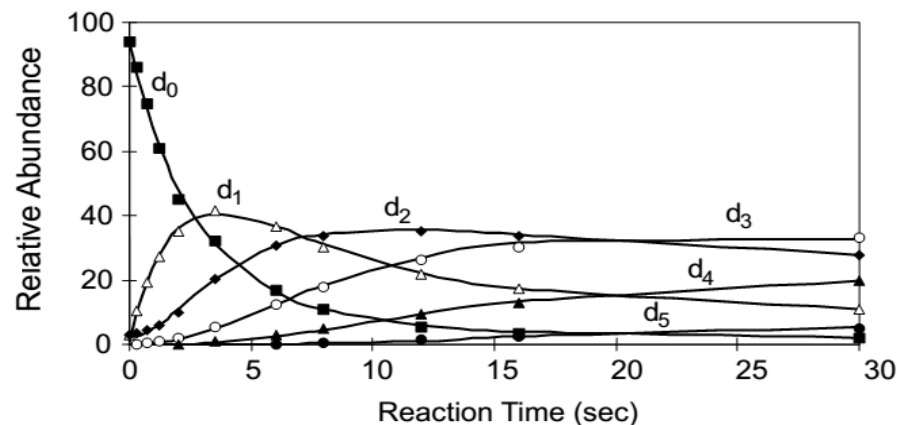


Figure 7. Time plot of the deuterium exchange products of  $\text{ATP}^+$  reacting with  $\text{CD}_3\text{OD}$  ( $4.2 \times 10^{-8}$  mbar)

**Table 1.** Relative apparent rate constants<sup>a</sup> for the protonated and sodiated adenine nucleotides with reagent gases

Parent ion	<i>m/z</i>	Reagent gas
AMPH <sup>+</sup>	348	CD <sub>3</sub> OD
ADPH <sup>+</sup>	428	CD <sub>3</sub> OD
ATPH <sup>+</sup>	508	CD <sub>3</sub> OD

One advantage: • H/D exchange probes several sites in a molecule (proton transfer involves a single site)

## NO binding to Fe(II) and Fe(III)-hemes

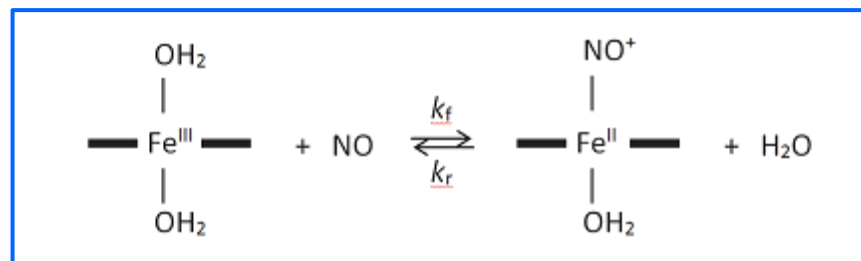
### Unravelling the Intrinsic Features of NO Binding to Iron(II)- and Iron(III)-Hemes

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**Table 1.** Rate and equilibrium constants for NO binding to iron(II)/iron(III) porphyrin complexes and heme proteins<sup>9</sup>

Iron(II)/(III) porphyrin <sup>(a)</sup>	$k_f / \text{M}^{-1} \text{s}^{-1}$	$k_r / \text{s}^{-1}$	$K / \text{M}^{-1}$
Mb(II)	$1.7 \times 10^7$	$1.2 \times 10^{-4}$	$1.4 \times 10^{11}$
Mb(III)	$1.9 \times 10^5$	13.6	$1.4 \times 10^4$
Hb(II)	$2.5 \times 10^7$	$4.6 \times 10^{-5}$	$5.3 \times 10^{11}$
Hb(III)	$4 \times 10^3$	1	$4 \times 10^3$
Fe <sup>II</sup> (TPPS)	$1.8 \times 10^9$	$\approx 0$	$> 10^9$
Fe <sup>III</sup> (TPPS)	$7.2 \times 10^5$	$6.8 \times 10^2$	$1.1 \times 10^3$
Fe <sup>II</sup> (TMPS)	$1 \times 10^9$	—	—
Fe <sup>III</sup> (TMPS)	$3 \times 10^6$	$7.3 \times 10^2$	$4.1 \times 10^3$

<sup>(a)</sup> Mb: myoglobin; Hb: hemoglobin; TPPS: meso-tetra(4-sulfonatophenyl)porphyrinato dianion; TMPS: meso-tetra(sulfonatomesityl)porphyrinato dianion.



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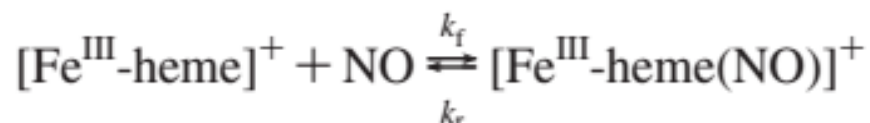
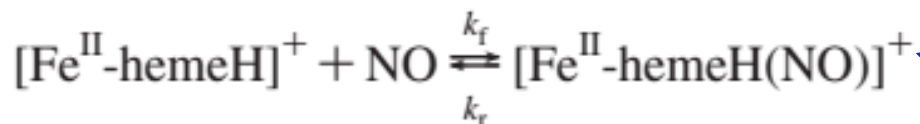
- Fe coordination number
- Fe oxidation state



# Differentiation of charge states

tetracoordinated

pentacoordinated



**Table 4.** Kinetics and Equilibrium Data for NO Binding to  $[\text{Fe}^{\text{II}}\text{-hemeH}]^+$  and  $[\text{Fe}^{\text{III}}\text{-heme}]^+$  Ions in the Gas Phase

reagent ion	$K_1 (\times 10^{-11})^a$	$k_f (\times 10^{11})^b$	$k_r (\times 10^3)^c$
$[\text{Fe}^{\text{II}}\text{-hemeH}]^+$	5.7	3.3	0.8
$[\text{Fe}^{\text{III}}\text{-heme}]^+$	5.3	2.2	0.9

<sup>a</sup> Equilibrium constant for the association of NO to the heme ions at 300 K, obtained from the  $\text{H}^{\text{II}}\text{CB}/\text{H}^{\text{III}}\text{CB}$  values reported in Table 3 ( $K_1 = \exp(\text{HCB}/RT)$ ). Standard state 1 atm. <sup>b</sup> Forward rate constant for the association of NO to the heme ions, in units of  $\text{cm}^3 \text{ molecule}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$ , at 300 K. refs 8b and 10. <sup>c</sup> Reverse rate constant for the association of NO to the heme ions, in  $\text{s}^{-1}$ , at 300 K. This work.

$$\text{HCB}^{\text{II}}_{(\text{NO})} = \text{HCB}^{\text{III}}_{(\text{NO})} = 67 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1} \text{ at } 300 \text{ K}$$

both oxidation states show similar kinetic and thermodynamic behaviour



# Determination of enantiomeric excess

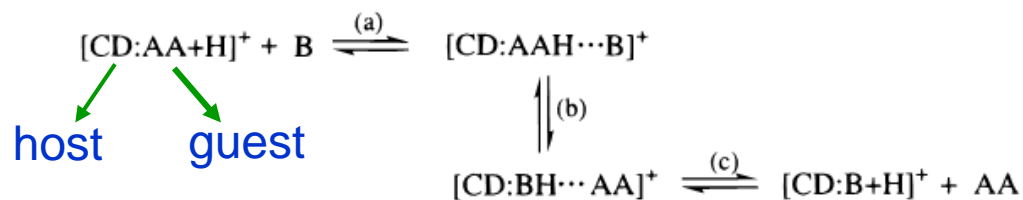
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## Gas-Phase Chiral Differentiation of Amino Acid Guests in Cyclodextrin Hosts

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chiral differentiation of AAs is  
of immediate analytical importance

Scheme 1



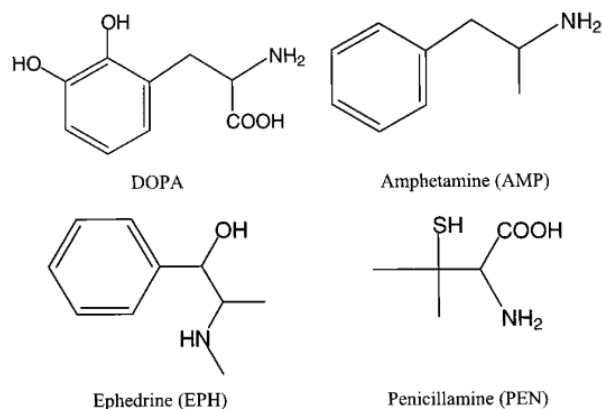
- complexes of protonated  $\beta$ -cyclodextrin-amino acid (Ala; Val; Phe) react with n-propylamine by **exchanging the AA guest of cyclodextrin host** for alkylamine;
- the exchange rates are found to differ according to the chirality of the AA
- Valine is the most reactive and shows the greatest selectivity:  $k_L/k_D = 1.6$  (Alanine);  $k_L/k_D = 3.1$  (Valine);  $k_L/k_D = 0.8$  (Phenylalanine).
- the differences may be related to the way the AA is included into the host cavity.**

# Determination of enantiomeric excess

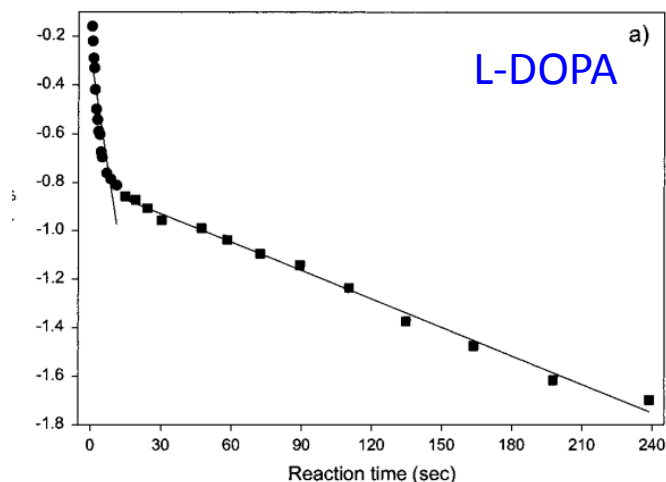
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## Enantiomeric Analysis of Pharmaceutical Compounds by Ion/Molecule Reactions

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A diastereoisomeric complex of an oligosaccharide host with a chiral analyte guest reacts with an alkylamine to produce a guest exchange



The presence of more than one reacting species, observed with DOPA and PEN, in the reaction with B=1,3-diamminopropane, suggests at least two reacting species, where the analyte interacts with the host by different arrangements.

## Determination of kinetic parameters

- . measurements of rate constants
- . determination of reaction efficiency

# Determination of thermodynamic parameters

## Association Reactions

- solvation of an ion by weak electrostatic or hydrogen bonding;
- ion ligation involving bonds of intermediate strength;
- strong chemical bond formation



at the low operating pressures of the FT-ICR cell: thermal equilibration of the adduct ion via IR radiative emission

The rate of radiative emission is expected to increase with increasing size of the ion

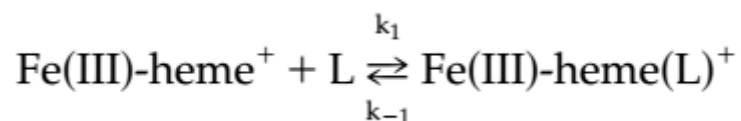
# Determination of thermodynamic parameters

## Binding of Gaseous Fe(III)-Heme Cation to Model Biological Molecules: Direct Association and Ligand Transfer Reactions

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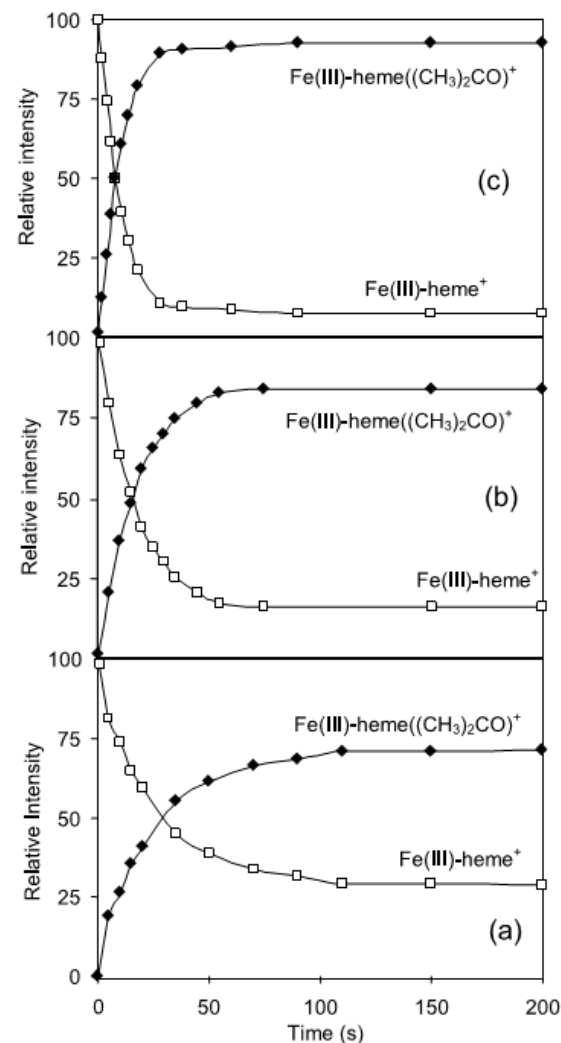
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### Ligand association equilibrium



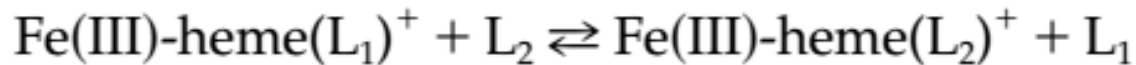
L= NO, amines, carbonyl compounds, ethers,  
nitriles, sulfides, phosphoryl compounds

$$\text{HCB(L)} = -\Delta G^\circ = -RT \ln K_{\text{eq}}$$



**Figure 5.** Time dependence of ion abundances for the Fe(III)-heme<sup>+</sup> ion reaction with acetone at 5.2 × 10<sup>-8</sup> mbar (a), 8.7 × 10<sup>-8</sup> mbar (b), 2.1 × 10<sup>-7</sup> mbar (c).

# Determination of thermodynamic parameters



## Ligand transfer equilibria

$$\text{HCB}(\text{L}_1) - \text{HCB}(\text{L}_2) = -\Delta G^\circ = -RT \ln K_{\text{eq}}$$

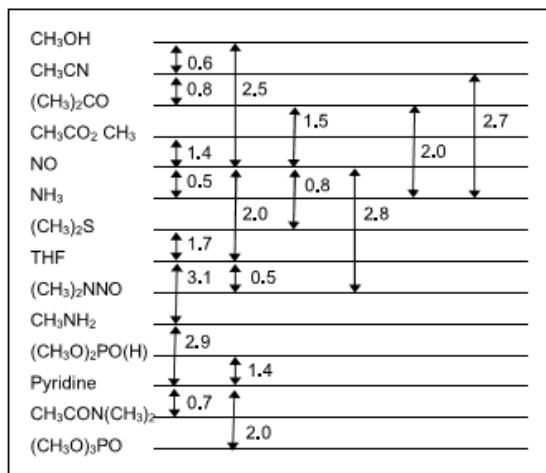


Figure 7.  $\Delta G^\circ$  (kcal mol<sup>-1</sup>, 300 K) ladder for the Fe(III)-heme<sup>+</sup> transfer reactions between selected pairs of ligands. The values in the ladder correspond to HCB differences for each couple of ligands.

Table 6. Free energy changes for gas-phase ligand binding toward H<sup>+</sup> and Fe(III)-heme<sup>+</sup>

L	GB <sup>a</sup>	HCB <sup>b</sup>
CH <sub>3</sub> OH	173.2	13.1
CH <sub>3</sub> CN	179.0	13.7
(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> CO	186.9	14.6
CH <sub>3</sub> CO <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>	189.0	14.8
NO	120.8	16.1
NH <sub>3</sub>	195.7	16.6
(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> S	191.5	
Tetrahydrofuran	189.9	
(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> N-NO	203.0 <sup>c</sup>	
CH <sub>3</sub> NH <sub>2</sub>	206.6	
(CH <sub>3</sub> O) <sub>2</sub> PO(H)	206.1	
Pyridine	214.7	
CH <sub>3</sub> CON(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	209.6	
(CH <sub>3</sub> O) <sub>3</sub> PO	205.7	

A linear correlation between HCBs and  $\Delta G_B$ s of the ligands suggests that similar effects play a role when a lone pair donor binds to a proton or to Fe(III)heme<sup>+</sup>

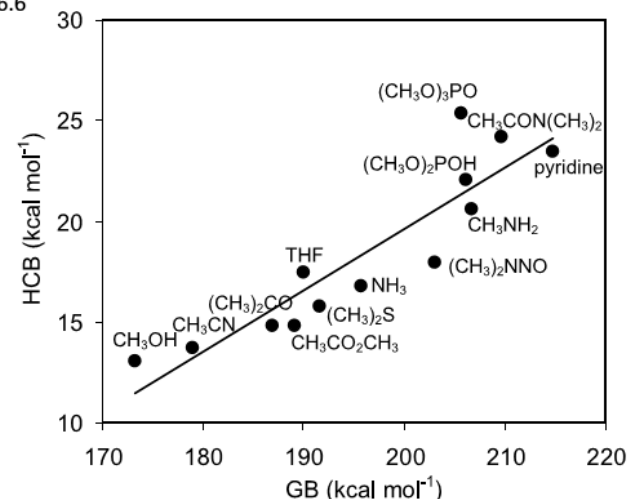


Figure 9. General correlation between Fe(III)-heme<sup>+</sup> cation basicities (HCB, equal to  $-\Delta G_1^\circ$  for the ligand association reaction) and gas phase basicity toward the proton (GB) values.

## Summary

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