timsMetabo™

Discover MoRE with
Mobility Range Enhanced 4D-Metabolomics™

Innovation with Integrity

Introducing the **timsMetabo** for enhanced 4D-Metabolomics and 4D-Lipidomics at speed, depth and scale

A peak-performance research engine

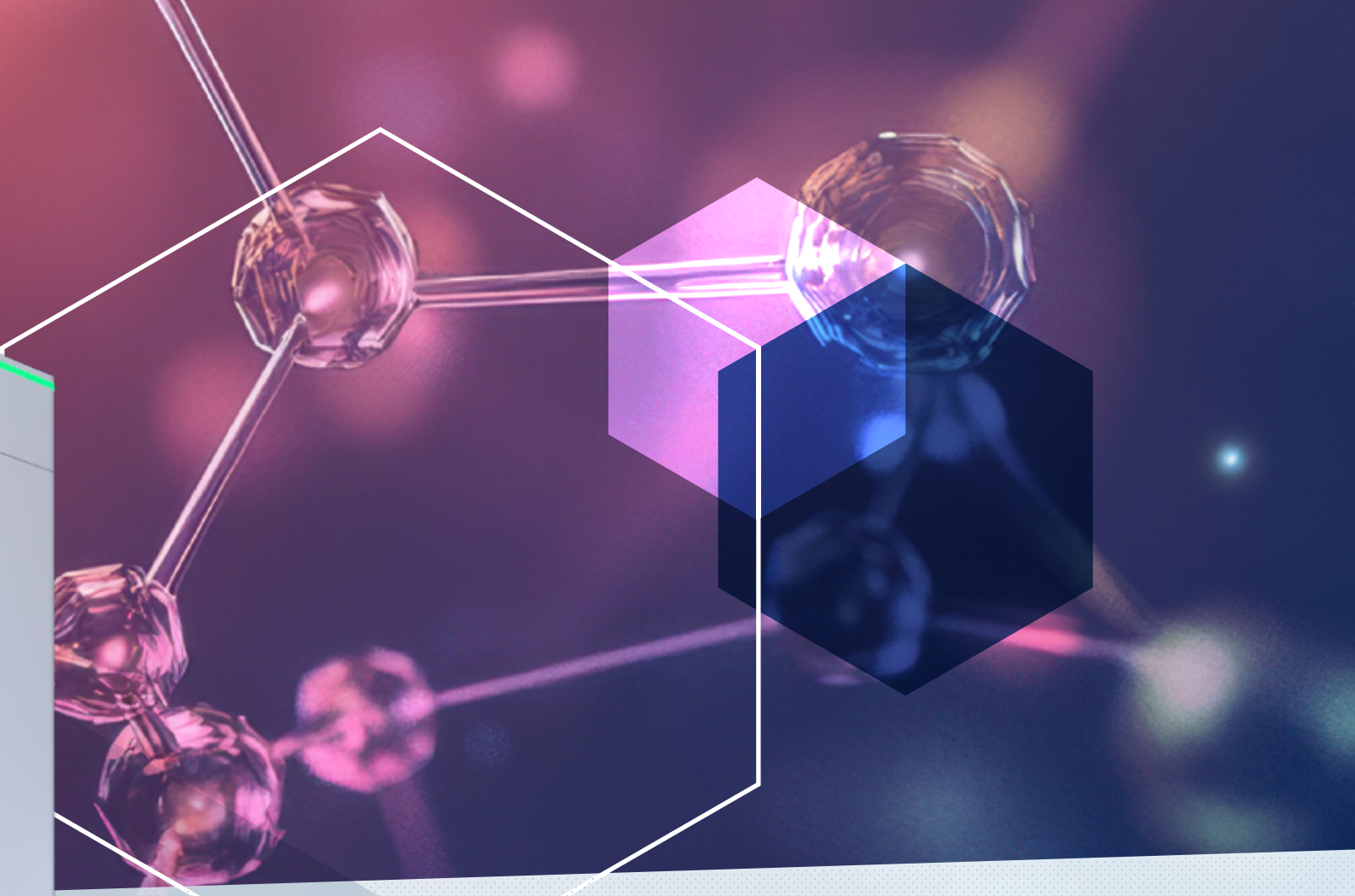
The timsMetabo brings numerous technological innovations together in a benchtop system.

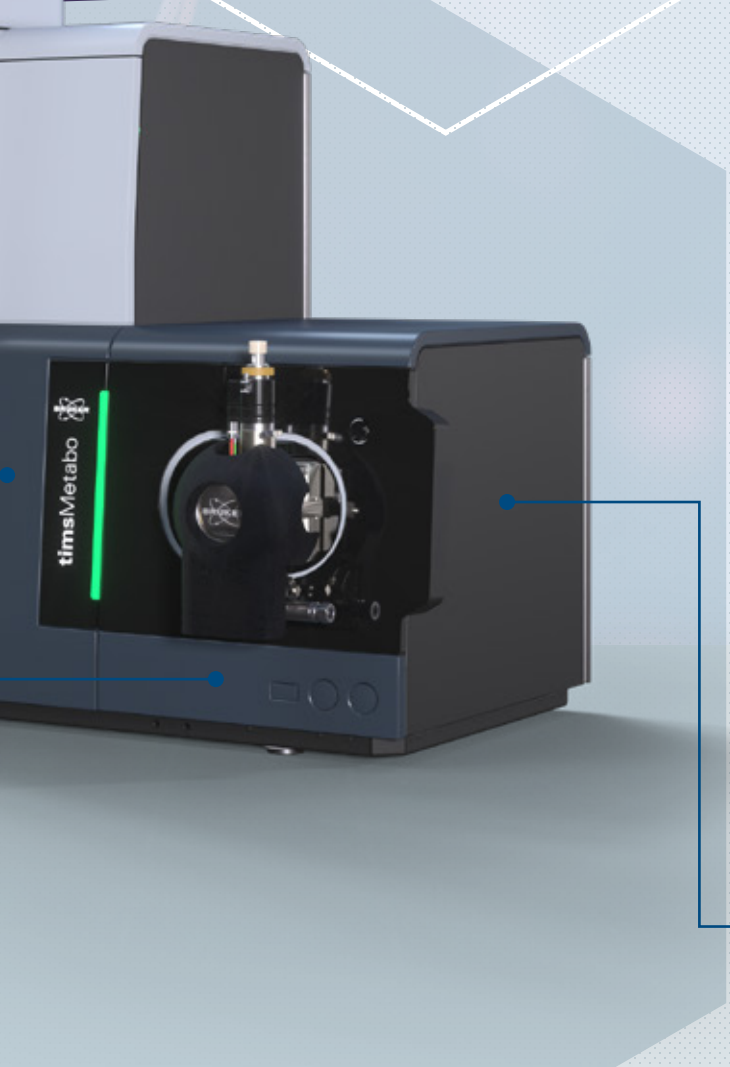
Key Features

Precision detection system for **reliable profiling and quantitation**, at speed and scale.

The **Athena Ion Processor (AIP)** works synergistically with TIMS in 4D-omics workflows to deliver MS and MS/MS sensitivity enhancement.

VIP-HESI ion source for maximum signal intensity and sensitivity.





The **TIMS-MX analyzer** and **Mobility Range Enhancement (MoRE)** bring a three-fold advantage to small molecule analysis in 4D-Metabolomics and 4D-Lipidomics workflows:

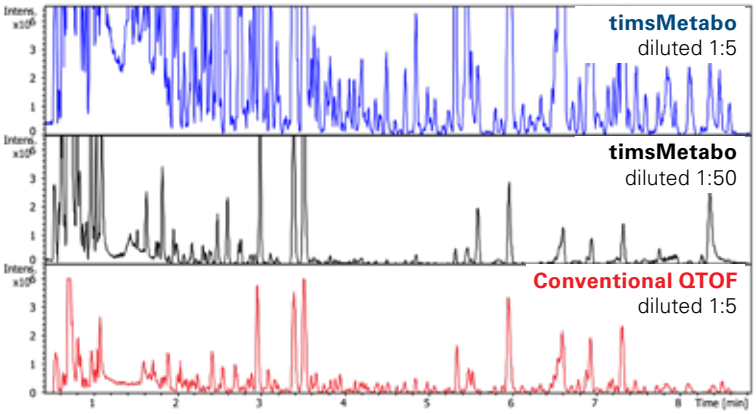
- Increased **ion separation capacity** enables resolution of isomers, isobars and interferences for enhanced measurement selectivity and reduced incidence of chimeric MS/MS spectra.
- Sensitivity and MS/MS speed are boosted by ion handling efficiency enabled by **mobility-based ion sorting**.
- Accurate and reproducible collisional cross section (CCS) measurements provide additional molecular descriptors for more **confident metabolite annotation**.

The power to see MoRE metabolism

The timsMetabo is uniquely designed to enable discovery in small molecule research. Bruker´s technology and workflow innovations combine depth and selectivity for the ultimate in profiling and targeted applications.

Enhanced Sensitivity, enabling deeper and more accurate profiling with less sample.

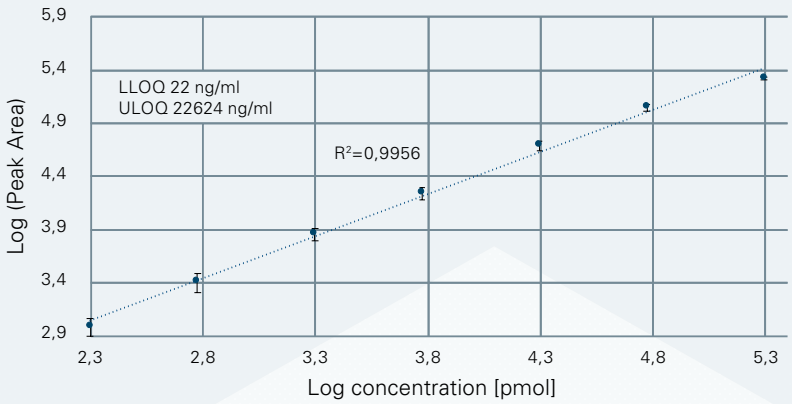
A refined ion path geometry builds on successive generations of timsTOF design, enabling efficient ion sampling for incredible sensitivity with analytical scale LC compatibility.

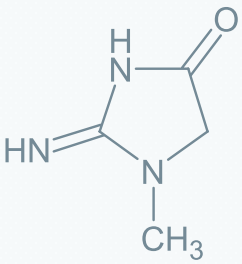


SRM 3672 reference urine analysis on timsMetabo requires ten times less concentrated sample amount injections for achieving similar BPC intensities.

Achieve accurate quantitation with low limits of detection for small molecules while using 4D-Metabolomics workflows that simultaneously and routinely deliver accurate m/z and CCS measurements for high confidence metabolite annotation.

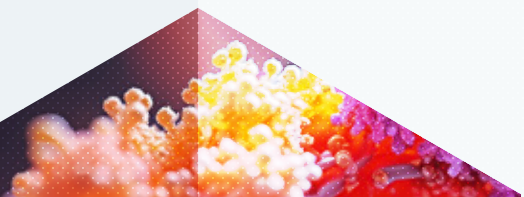
Creatinine Dilution

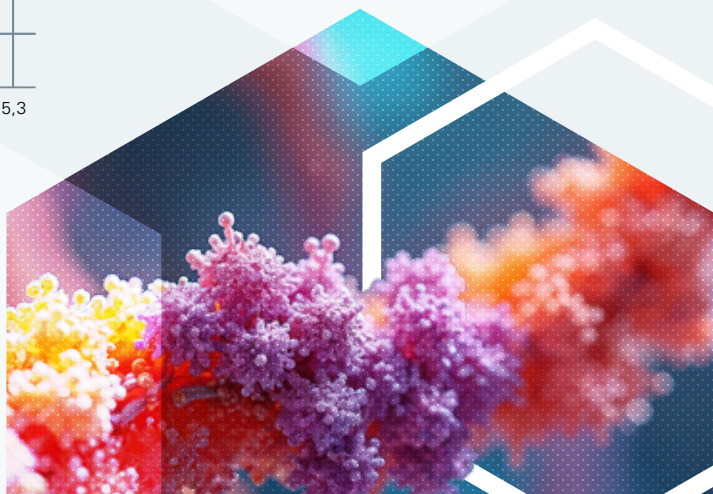




$C_4H_7N_3O$

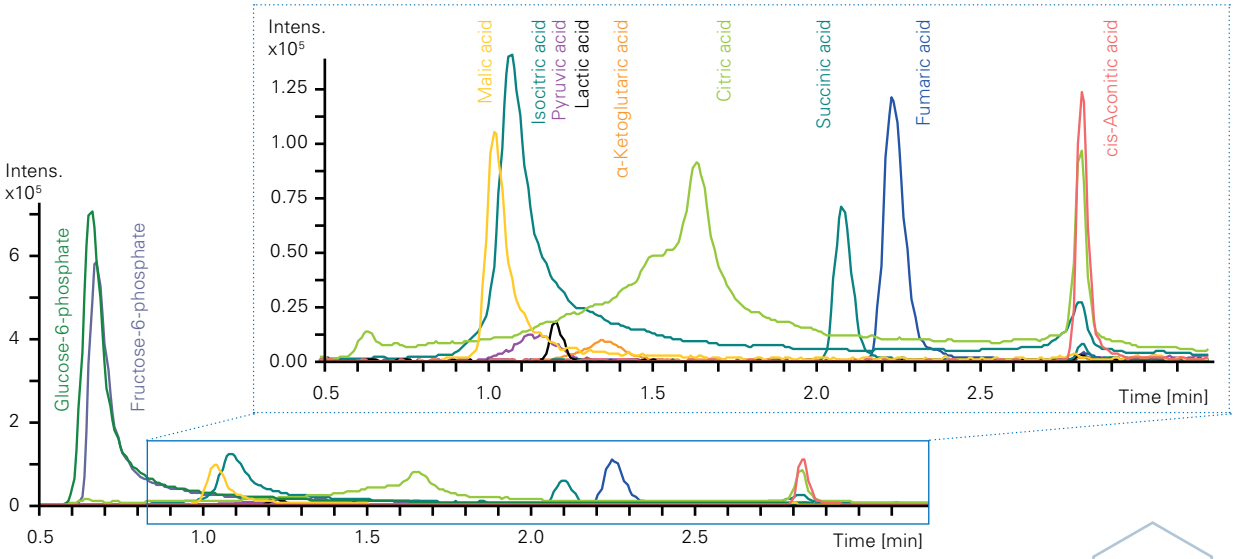
Accurate creatinine quantitation is the cornerstone of metabolite profile normalisation in clinical and many metabolomic applications. Here the extreme sensitivity of the timsMetabo is demonstrated in data acquired from a dilution series of creatinine (114.0662 m/z) using the 4D-Metabolomics workflow.



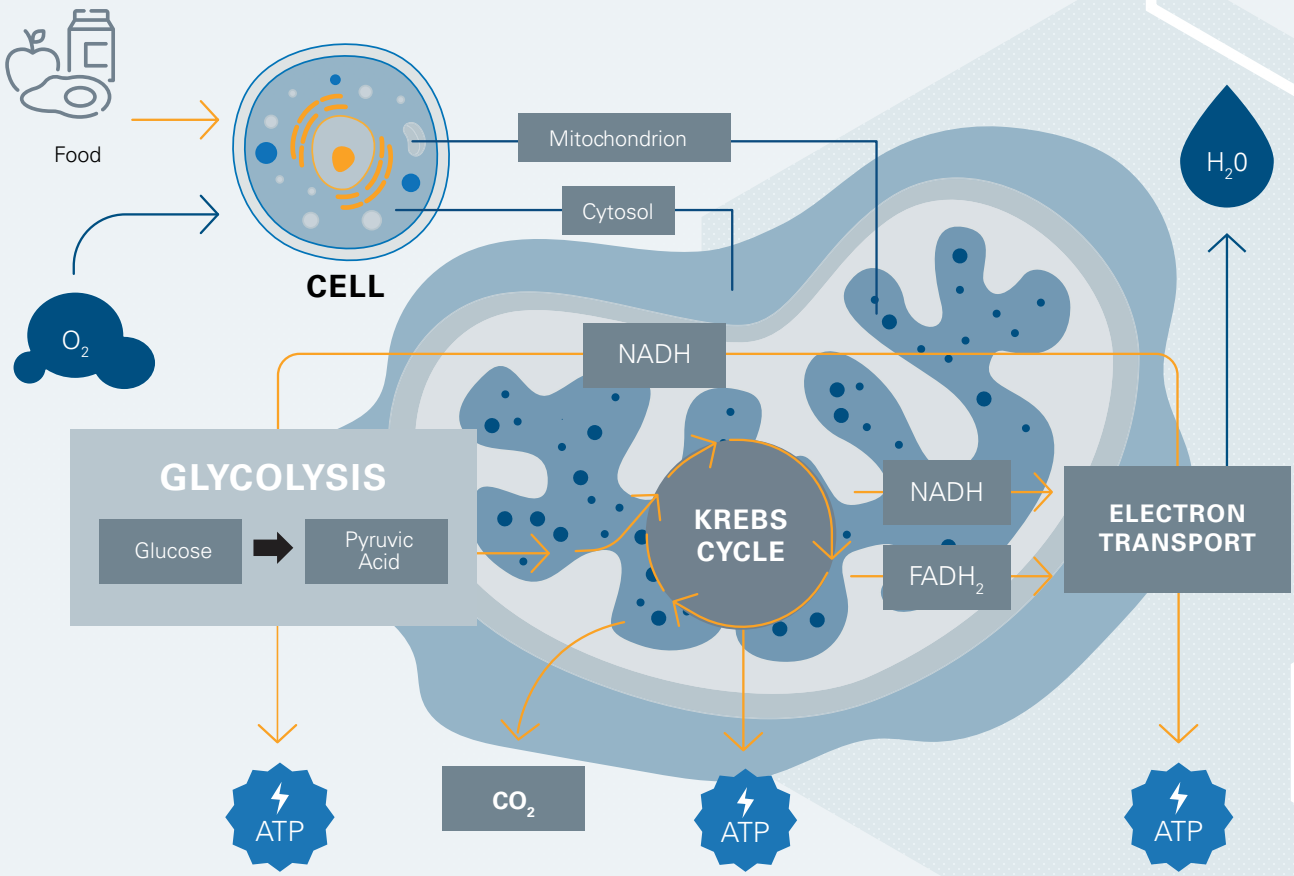


Extended mobility capability for 4D-Metabolomics

Mobility Range Enhancement (MoRE) and the TIMS-MX analyzer enhance small molecule transmission for broad metabolome coverage in 4D-Metabolomics workflows.



Extracted ion chromatogram for TCA cycle and glycolysis standards

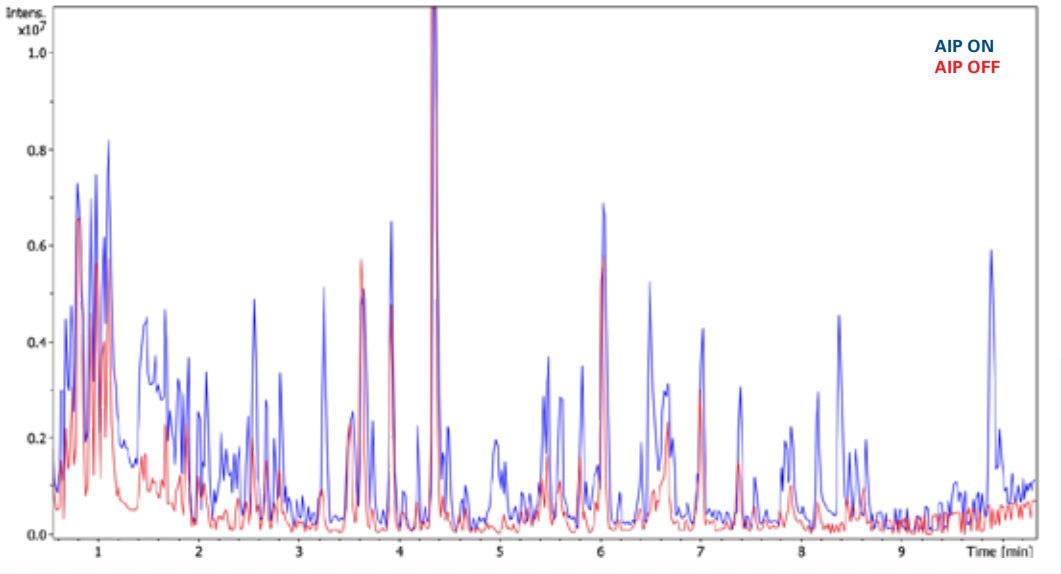


Enhanced sensitivity with the synergistic integration of TIMS and the Athena Ion Processor

Introduction of the AIP extends sensitivity gains in both MS and MS/MS modes, providing advantages for both profiling and targeted analysis workflows.

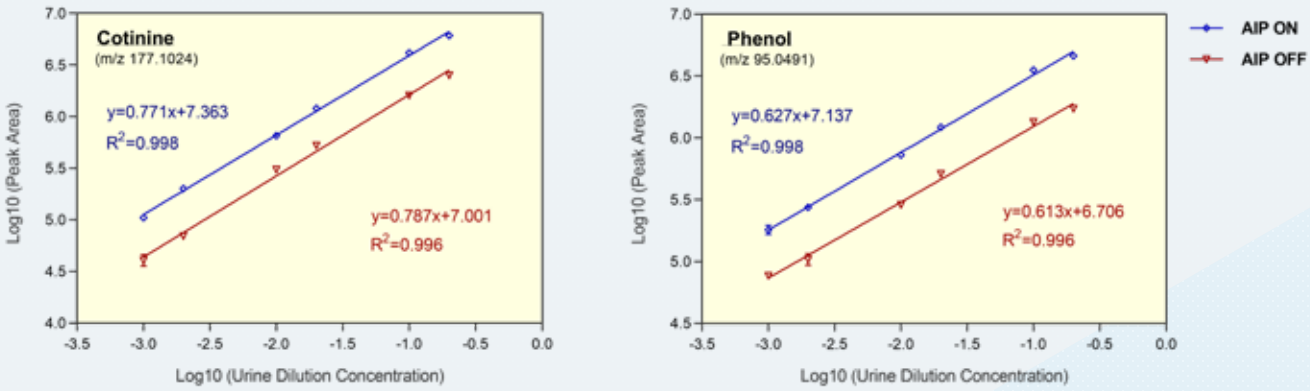
AIP synchronisation with TIMS-MX mobility-based ion sorting and enrichment maximizes this effect for 4D-Metabolomics and 4D-Lipidomics workflows. Sensitivity gains by AIP enable MS/MS spectra matching even for data acquired from low sample amounts.

Profiling

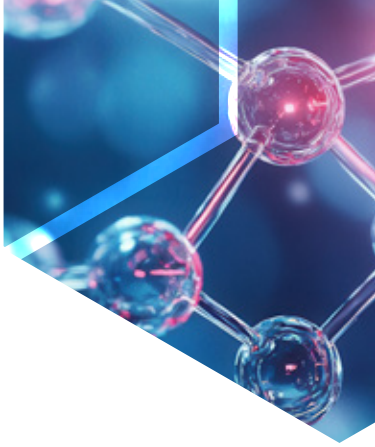


A comparison of 4D-Metabolomics data using the equivalent of 0.2 µl NIST SRM 3671 urine and MoRE acquisition with AIP on or off highlights the sensitivity enhancement provided by AIP.

Quantitation

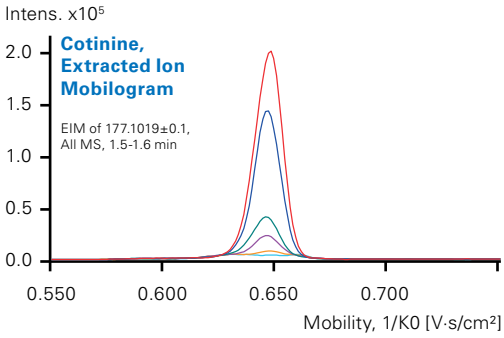


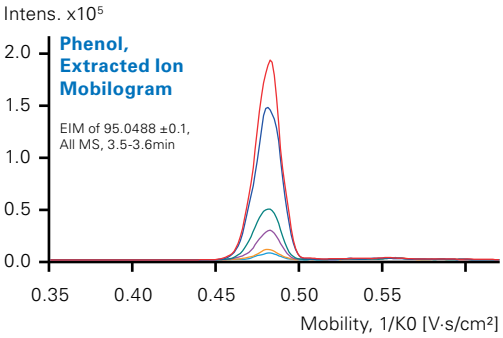
Biomarkers of tobacco smoking exposure in NIST SRM 3671 human urine dilutions from 0.4 µl to 0.002 µl equivalent injected on column.



TIMS-Enhanced Mobilogram-based Quantitation

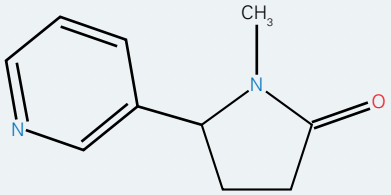
Extracted ion mobilograms for biomarkers of tobacco smoking exposure in NIST SRM 3671 human urine dilutions (from 0.4 µl to 0.002 µl equivalent injected on column).

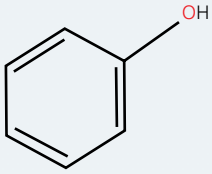




CCS-Predict Pro

CCS value matching vs. measured reference or predicted values can increase annotation confidence.





Ion Notation	Measured	Prediction	CCS [%]
[M+H]+	144.3	138.9	3.7

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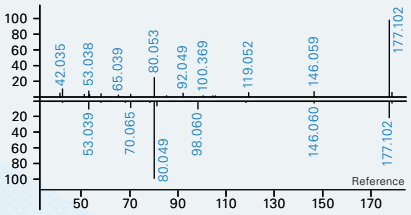
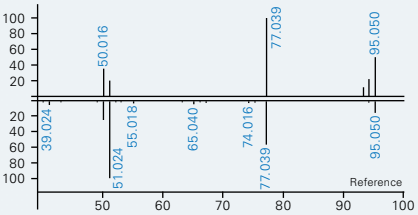
[M+H]+	113.4	117.5	-3.6

High Quality TIMS-Enhanced MS/MS





timsMetabo MS/MS from **0.004 µl** equivalent human urine injected on column as compared to a reference spectrum **(Bruker HMDB Metabolite Library 2.0)**.

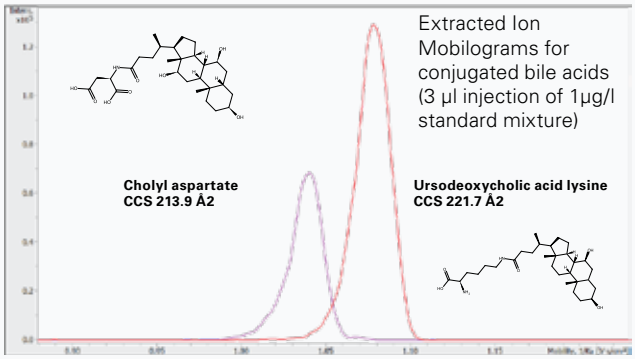
timsMetabo MS/MS from **0.002 µl** equivalent human urine injected on column as compared to a reference spectrum **(Bruker MetaboBase Personal Library 3.0)**.

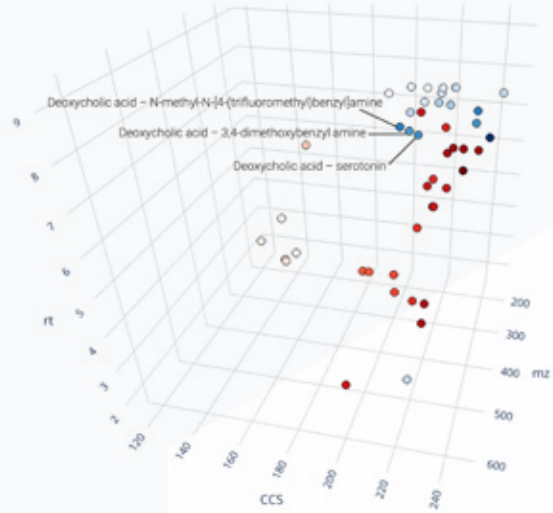
TIMS-enabled 4D workflows deliver the measurement selectivity needed for complex biological sample analysis

High-capacity multidimensional metabolite mapping in LC, TIMS and HRMS space enables accurate and descriptive metabolome measurement in both untargeted and targeted analyses.

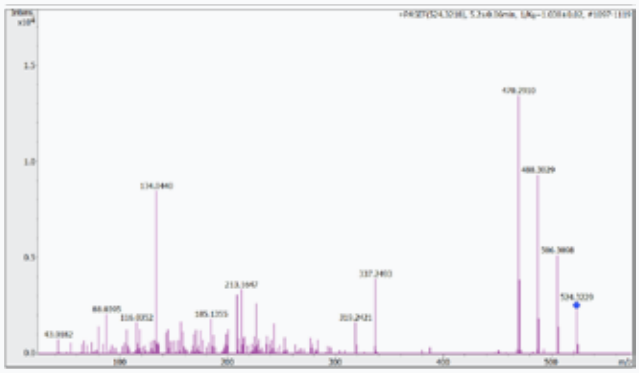
Advanced Profiling and Quantification of Novel Bile Acids

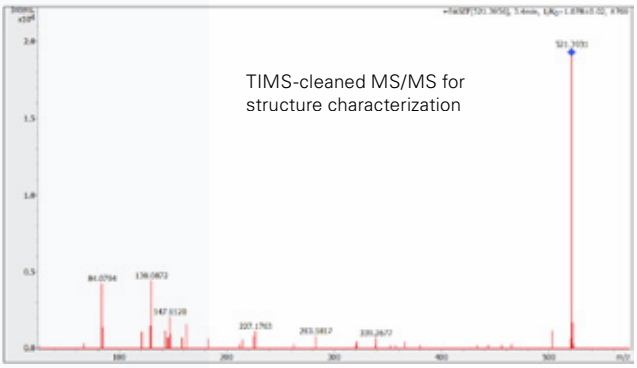
Newly discovered, amino acid conjugated bile acids are involved in gut microbe-host interactions. Characterizing these novel and structurally similar compounds is imperative for deciphering their biological function.





Multi-dimensional metabolite map leveraging TIMS separation for complete resolution of novel amino acid-conjugated bile acids within chromatographic retention time (RT), m/z and CCS axes.





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"Bile acids are a diverse and biologically important class of molecules involved in nutrient transport, immune regulation, and are altered in response to medications, diet, and disease. Thousands of distinct bile acid structures – including newly discovered microbially modified forms – are now being revealed. Ion mobility, enhanced by CCS values alongside chromatography and MS/MS, is unlocking this hidden complexity, advancing our understanding of bile acid biology, clinical research, and therapeutic discovery. The technology within the timsMetabo will help us better understand this biologically diverse class of molecules routinely, and this is an exciting combination."

TIMS-Enhanced MS/MS

TIMS-enhancement enables resolution of isomers, isobars and interferences, reducing the incidence of chimeric MS/MS spectra for high-confidence automated annotation.

Lipid and metabolite annotation benefits from clean MS/MS spectra, especially in automated downstream workflows utilising spectral libraries and *in-silico* fragmentation (4D-Metabolomics) and rule-based annotation (4D-Lipidomics). Here, co-eluting and co-isolated lipid species, measured using dia-PASEF 4D-Lipidomics, are mobility separated, producing distinctive and characteristic MS/MS fragmentation spectra for each. These cleaned spectra form the cornerstone of accurate annotation, interpretation and reporting.

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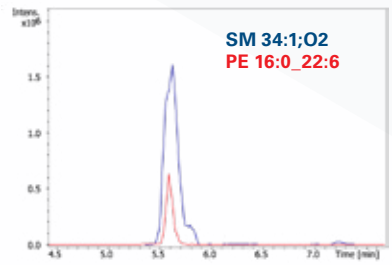

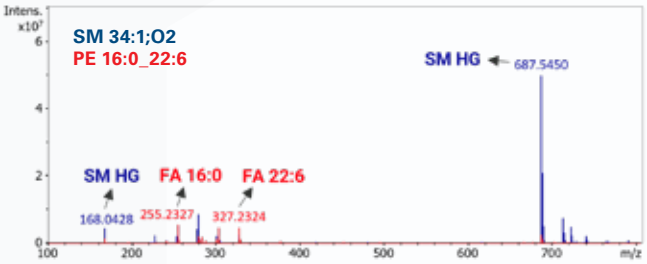

3D-Lipidomics

4D-Lipidomics

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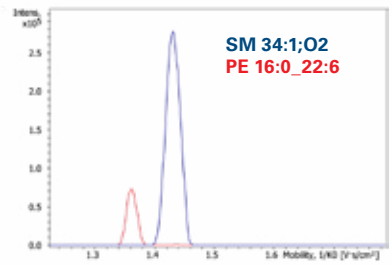
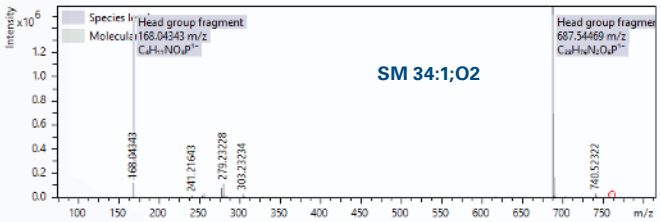
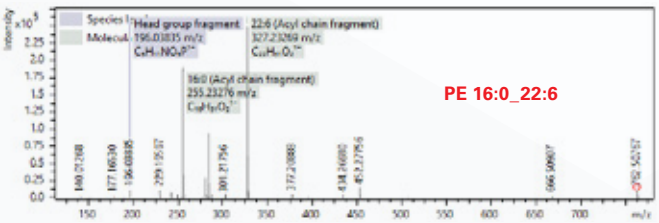


Species co-elute but can be separated with TIMS





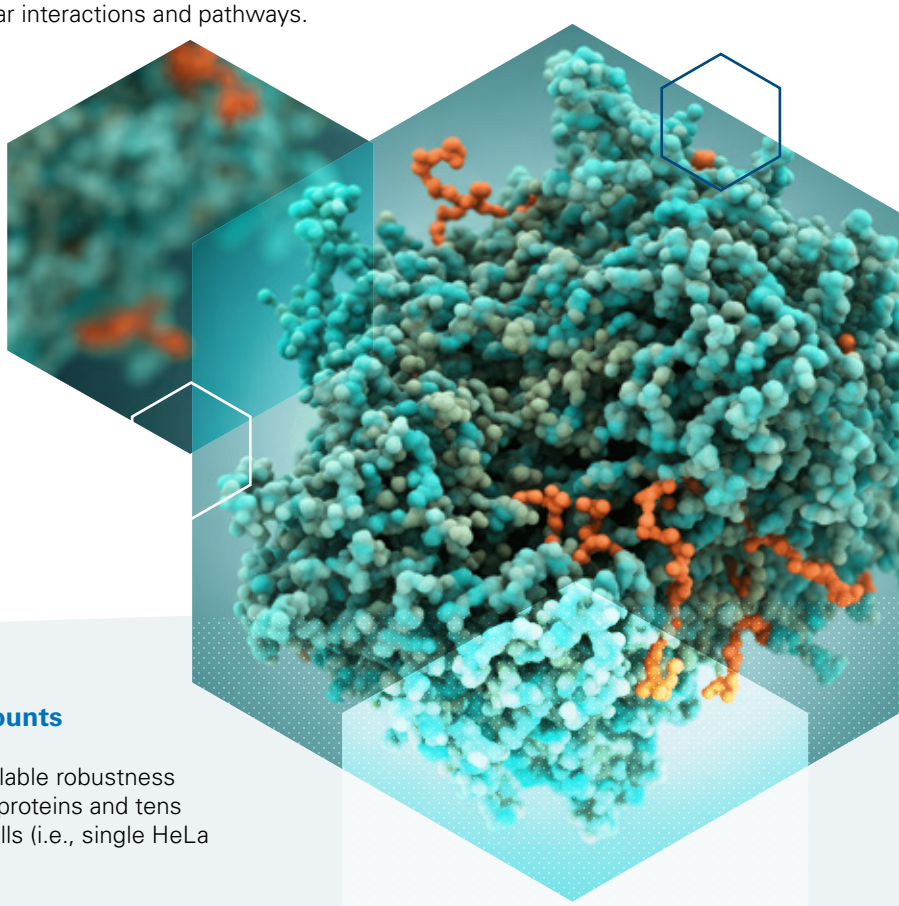
DIA-PASEF resolves precursor lipids providing clean MS/MS spectra for high confidence annotation

Annotation of DIA-based co-isolated lipids PE 16:0_22:6 and SM 34:1;O2 (Δm/z = 0.926) in negative ion mode.

Unlock Comprehensive Proteomics Insights with timsMetabo

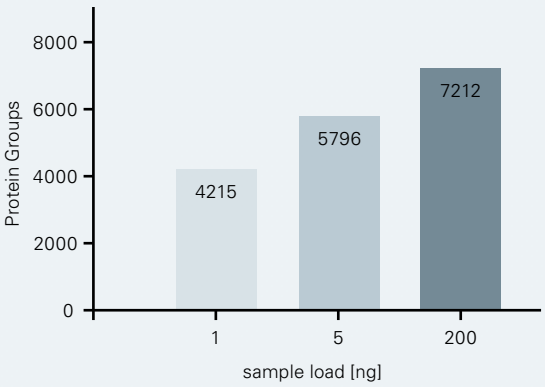
timsMetabo is designed to excel in lipidomics and metabolomics while preserving the unique proteomics research capabilities of the timsTOF family. By integrating multiomics capabilities in a single platform, this system offers uniquely comprehensive insights into biological processes, enabling researchers to uncover complex molecular interactions and pathways.

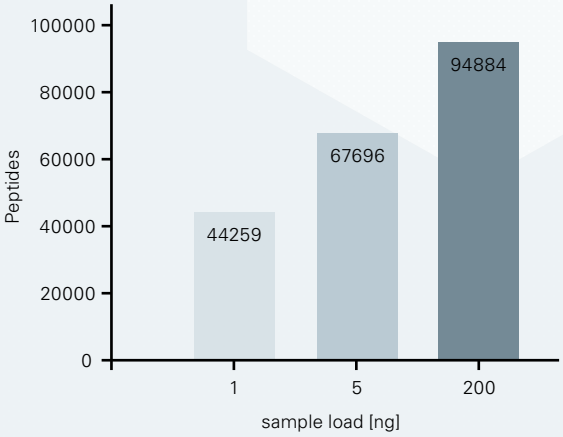
Whether you're exploring lipid profiles, metabolic changes, or protein functions, timsMetabo empowers you to achieve comprehensive, precise, and accurate multiomics insights at scale, driving advancements in biomedical research and personalized medicine.



Deep Insights Down to Small Sample Amounts

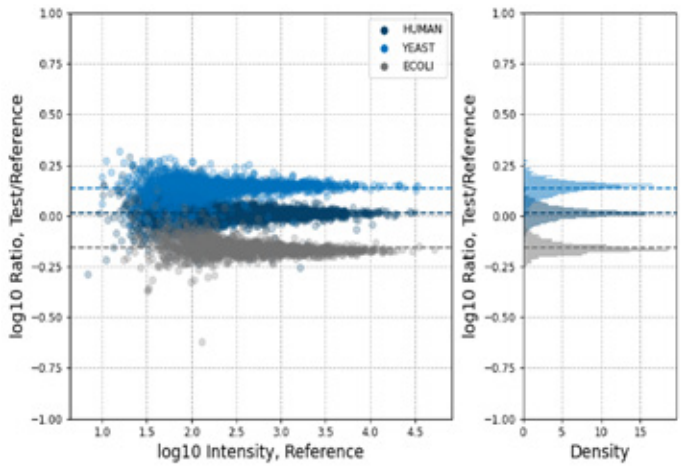
Discover the complexity of the proteome with scalable robustness and sufficient sensitivity to quantify thousands of proteins and tens of thousands of peptides from just a few single cells (i.e., single HeLa cell ~0.25 ng).

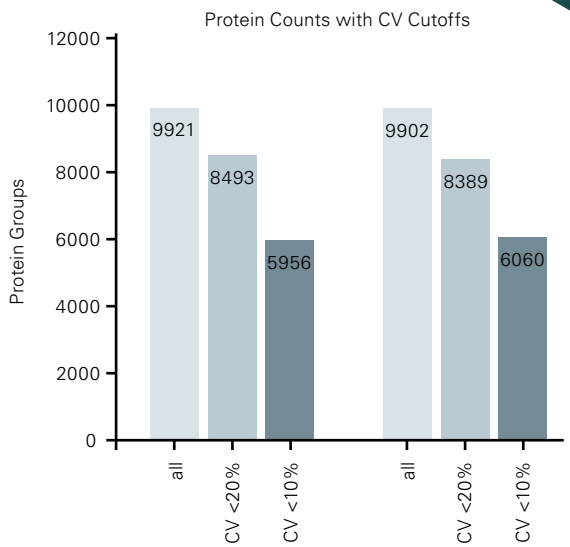




Robust Quantification Discerning Smallest Proteome Differences

Quantify thousands of proteins and peptides with highest fold-change accuracy and precision to discover biologically relevant protein regulations confidently.

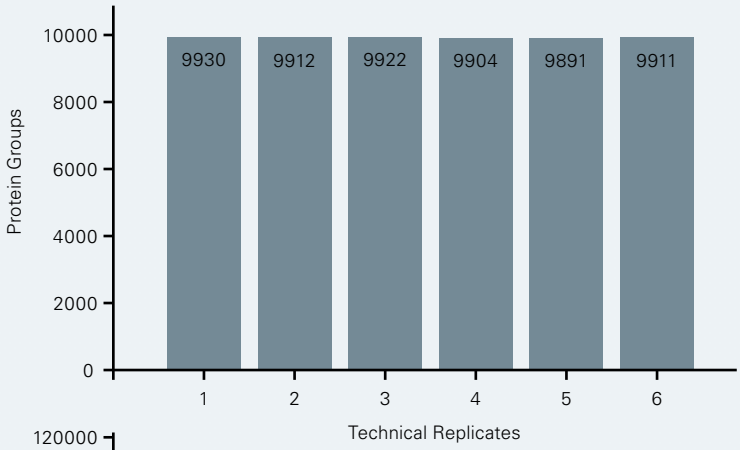


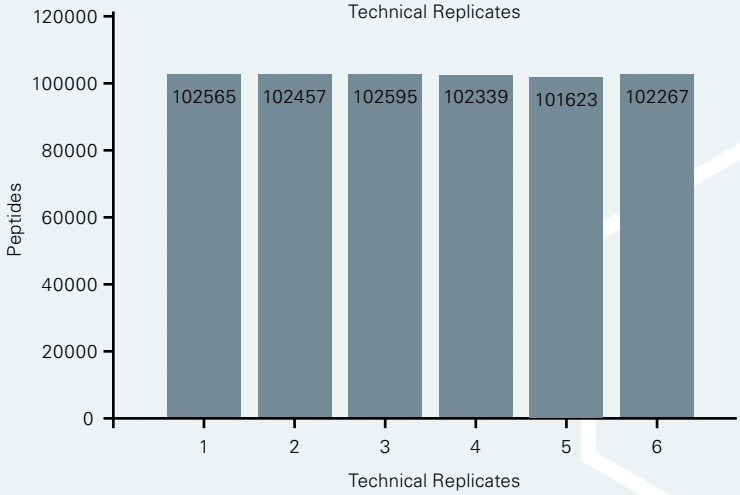


Survey Nuanced Biological Regulations

Our triple proteome study (Yeast, Human, E. coli) showcases exceptional quantification performance, spanning over 4 orders of magnitude. Confident quantification of thousands of proteins and tens of thousands of peptides, providing comprehensive insights into biology.

- **Multiomics Insights:** Gain deeper insights into complex biological processes and regulatory mechanisms.
- **Broad Applicability:** Applicable across various biological systems, enhancing the scope of proteomics research.
- **High Sensitivity:** Detect and quantify low-abundance proteins and peptides with high accuracy.





A digital metabolome archive of every sample analysis

The timsMetabo enables simultaneous quantitation and characterisation of the analytes within each sample analysis, virtually eliminating the need for re-acquisition. timsMetabo data enable confident analysis and annotation, and are well suited for AI in metabolomics with machine learning from large-scale, high-quality data sets.

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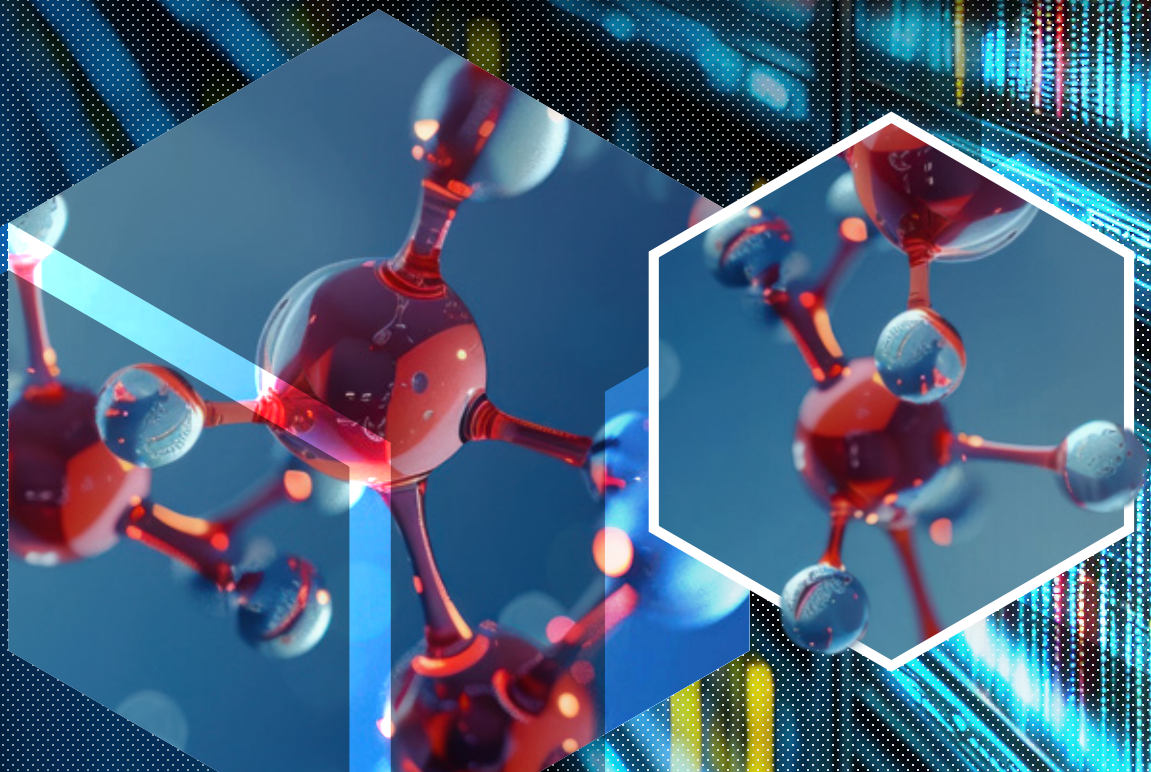
Associate Professor, Amsterdam UMC, The Netherlands

"The timsMetabo uniquely combines sensitivity and selectivity, facilitating measurement of known biomarkers and the exploration of new metabolic signatures in research on inborn errors of metabolism."



Multidimensional Metabolite Isolation

LC separation (optional)
Metabolites in complex biofluids and tissue extracts are chromatographically separated prior to ionization.

TIMS-enhancement
Post-ionisation, metabolite ions are concentrated and mobility sorted in each measurement cycle.

TIMS-guided quadrupole isolation
Upstream mobility-based ion sorting enables fast and efficient ion targeting in DDA and DIA modes.

High resolution mass spectrometry
Metabolite ions are separated at high resolution by their mass to charge ratio.

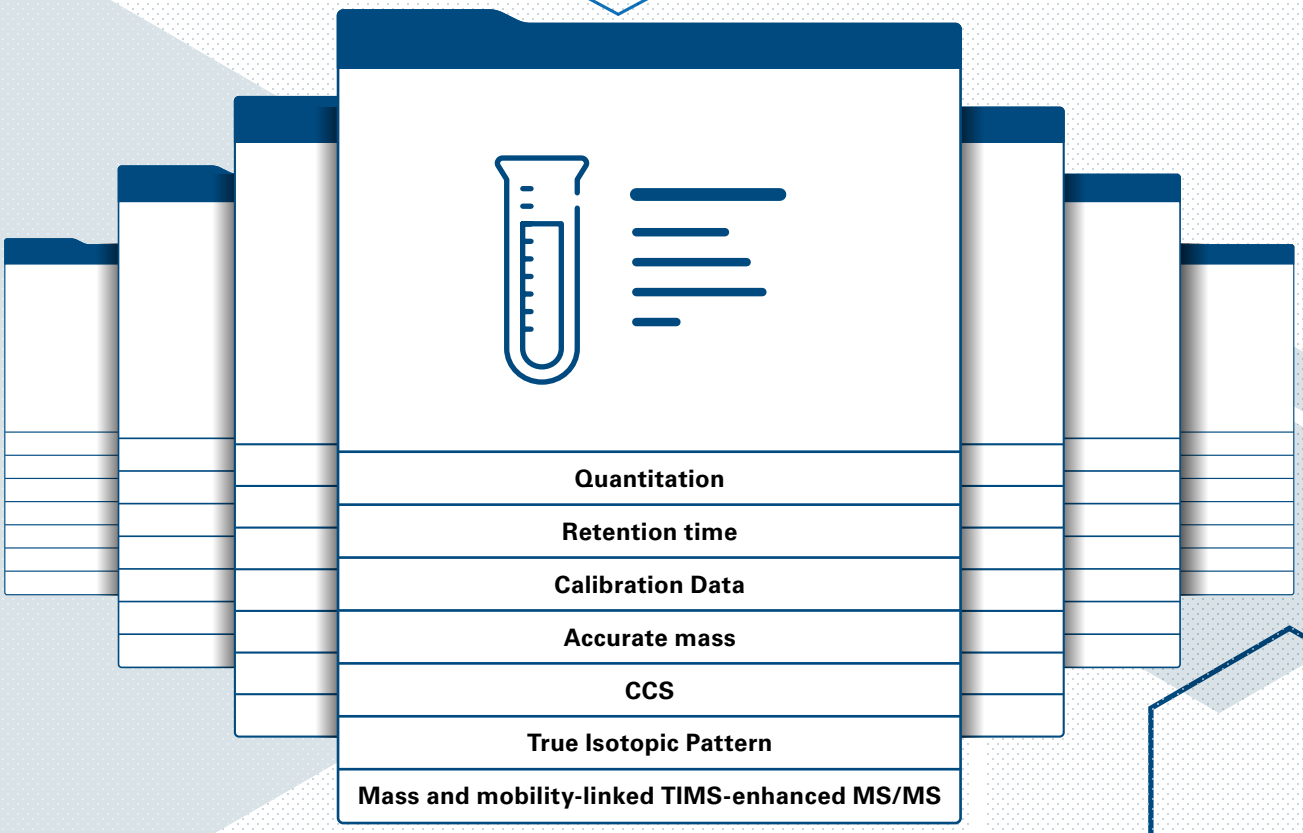
Metabolite Quantitation

Quantitation
The abundances of isolated metabolites are measured with accuracy and precision.

Metabolite Characterisation

TIMS-enhanced MS/MS
CID fragmentation spectra from mobility and mass isolated precursors are acquired with excellent coverage and sensitivity owing to upstream TIMS-enhancement, making them perfect for use in automated spectral library matching.

Metabolite mapping
Chromatographic retention time, CCS, and m/z values are recorded for each isolated metabolite.



Multi-dimensional annotation confidence with timsMetabo and MetaboScape

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MetaboScape®

timsMetabo Provides Clean MSMS Spectra

The TIMS separation of precursor ions results in MS/MS spectra that are free from noise signals, enabling more focused spectrum interpretation and reducing negative impacts on MS/MS matching scores. MetaboScape offers various tools for annotating MS/MS spectra, all of which benefit from cleaner spectra.

In-silico fragmentation and SmartFormula3D help in unraveling MS/MS spectra while discovering novel compounds. Spectral Libraries of different sizes and scopes allow matching measured MS/MS spectra to reference spectra.

NIST Library
BRUKER Daltronics

Bruker NIST 2020 Mass Spectral Library is assembled by the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), and contains electron ionization (EI) spectra, gas chromatography retention indices, and tandem mass spectra for a wide range of small molecules.

MetaboBASE Personal Library
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Bruker MetaboBASE® Personal Library 3.0 contains MS/MS spectra from over 100,000 synthetic or isolated standards derived from the METLIN compound library. It also features in-silico generated MS/MS spectra for more than 233,000 compounds, measured in both positive and negative ionization modes at multiple collision energies.

HMDB Metabolite Library
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Bruker HMDB Metabolite Library 2.0 offers more than 6,000 MS and MS/MS spectra from over 800 reference standards sourced from the Human Metabolome Database (HMDB). The spectra are manually cureated, ensuring high-quality identification of metabolites found in urine, blood, other biofluids, and cell extracts.

MetaboBASE Plant Library
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Bruker MetaboBASE® Plant Library is tailored for plant and food research, providing reference MS/MS spectra and collision cross-section (CCS) values for commercial standards and putatively identified metabolites found in the model legume plant, *Medicago truncatula*.

Unearth the Hidden Gems with 4D-Metabolomics and MetaboScape

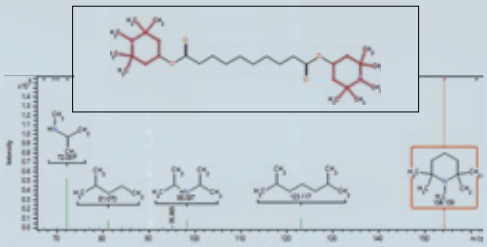
MetaboScape is a comprehensive software platform that enhances discovery Metabolomics by integrating advanced tools like MetFrag[1] *in-silico* fragmentation, CCS-Predict Pro, and BioTransformer.

MetFrag aids in the identification of unknown compound structures by predicting and scoring possible fragment ions, comparing them with experimental data to improve accuracy.

CCS-Predict Pro uses machine learning to predict collision cross section (CCS) values, adding an orthogonal criterion for compound annotation and improving the discrimination between isomers.

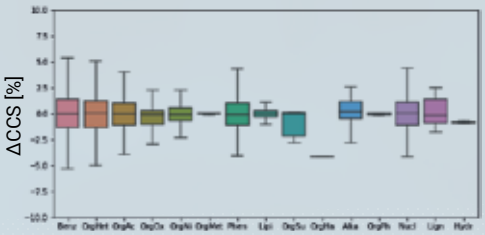
BioTransformer predicts metabolite structures based on known biotransformation reactions, aiding in the identification of drug and xenobiotic metabolites and providing insights into metabolic pathways.

Together, these tools enable MetaboScape to process large datasets efficiently, ensuring high-confidence identification of metabolites. This integrated approach supports the discovery of biomarkers and the understanding of metabolic changes in various biological contexts.



High-quality, information-rich MS/MS spectra combined with powerful automated and interactive annotation tools accelerate streamlined discovery in metabolomics.

CCS-Predict Pro



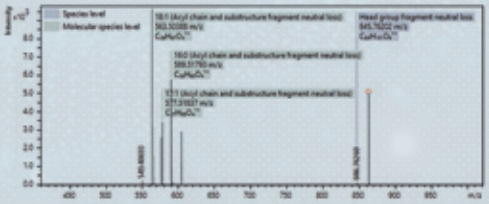
CCS-Predict Pro models are trained specifically for different ion types and improved models are continuously released.

[1] Wolf, Sebastian, et al.; BMC bioinformatics; 2010

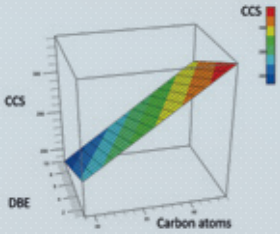
4D-Lipidomics with Rule-Based Annotation

MetaboScape's rule-based lipid annotation follows the guidelines of the Lipidomics Standards Initiative (LSI) to ensure accurate naming of lipid species. By applying selected fragmentation rules, it annotates and visualizes characteristic fragment peaks, supporting both species-level and molecular species-level annotations. This approach minimizes the risk of over-annotation and streamlines the automated identification of lipid features.

Class specific CCS hyperplane models help validating the ion mobility of lipid annotation candidates. Additionally, CCS and RT outlier detection is performed and improves annotation specificity.



MS/MS fragments get interpreted and annotated by MetaboScape's rule-based lipid annotation.



Lipid-class specific CCS hyperplane models validate lipid annotation candidates.

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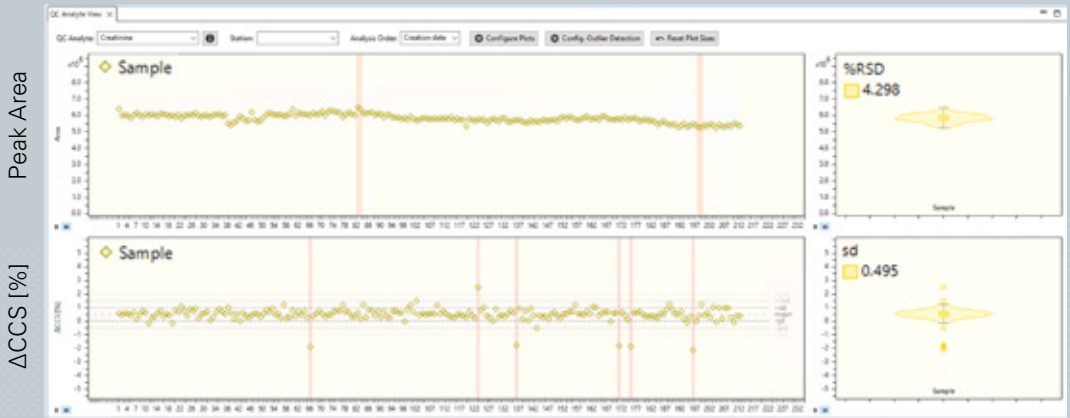

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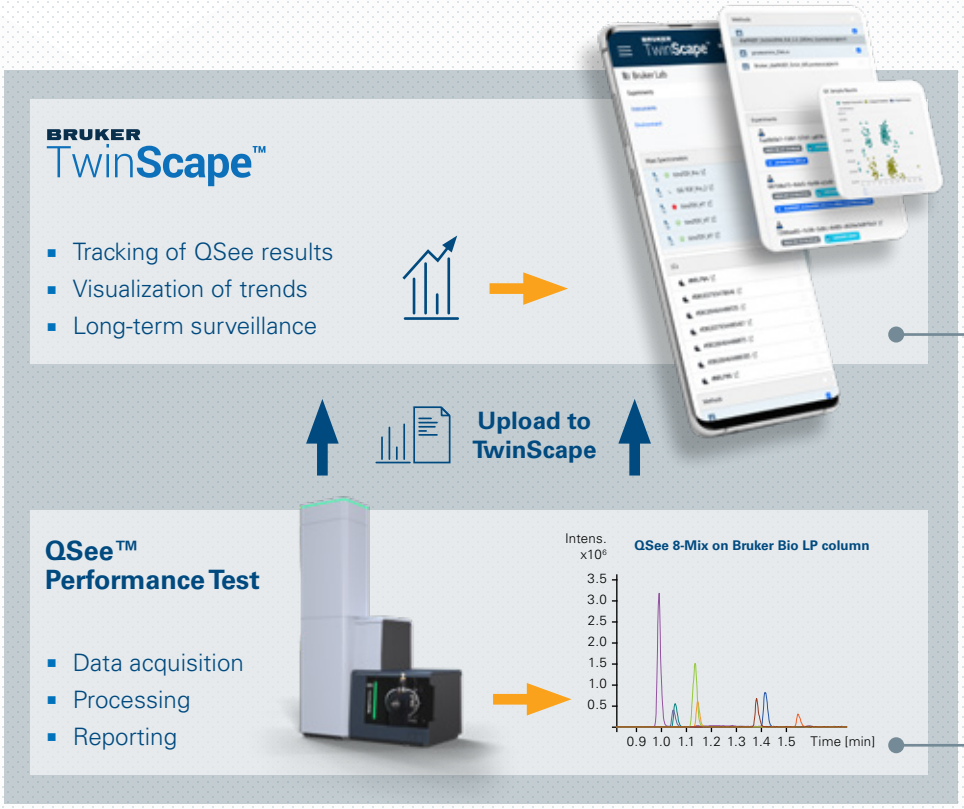

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For high confidence 4D-Lipidomics workflows

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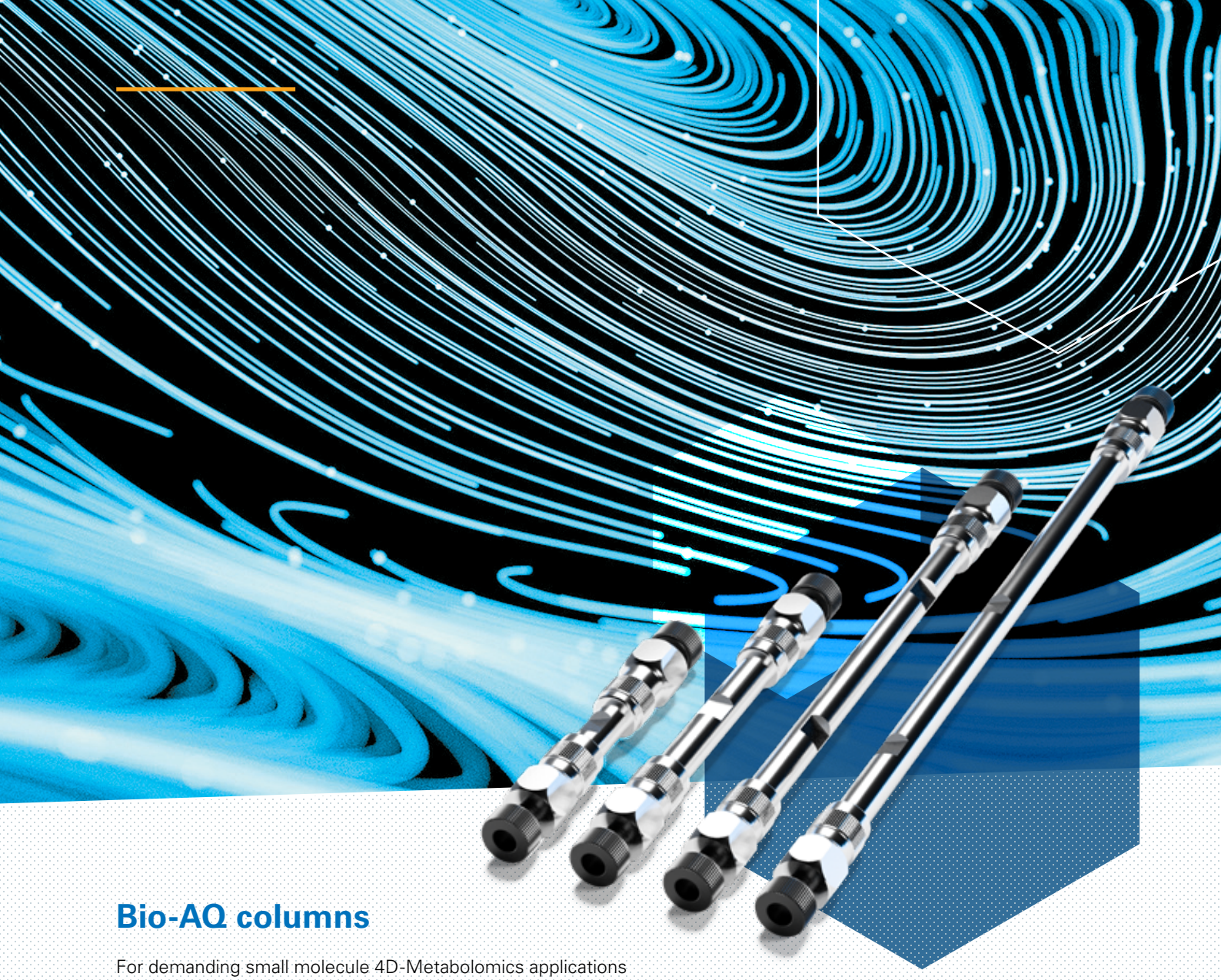

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