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# **Rapid food analysis by ambient mass spectrometry**

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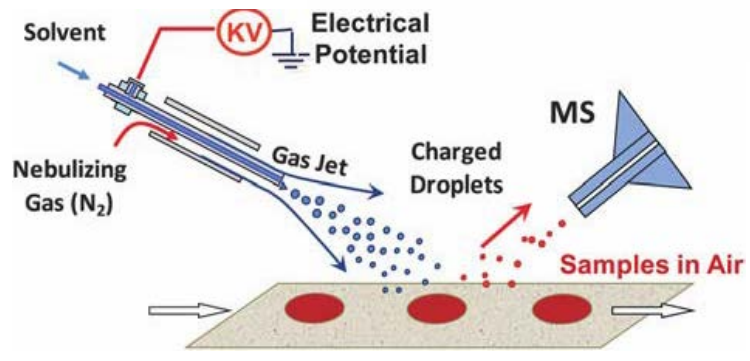
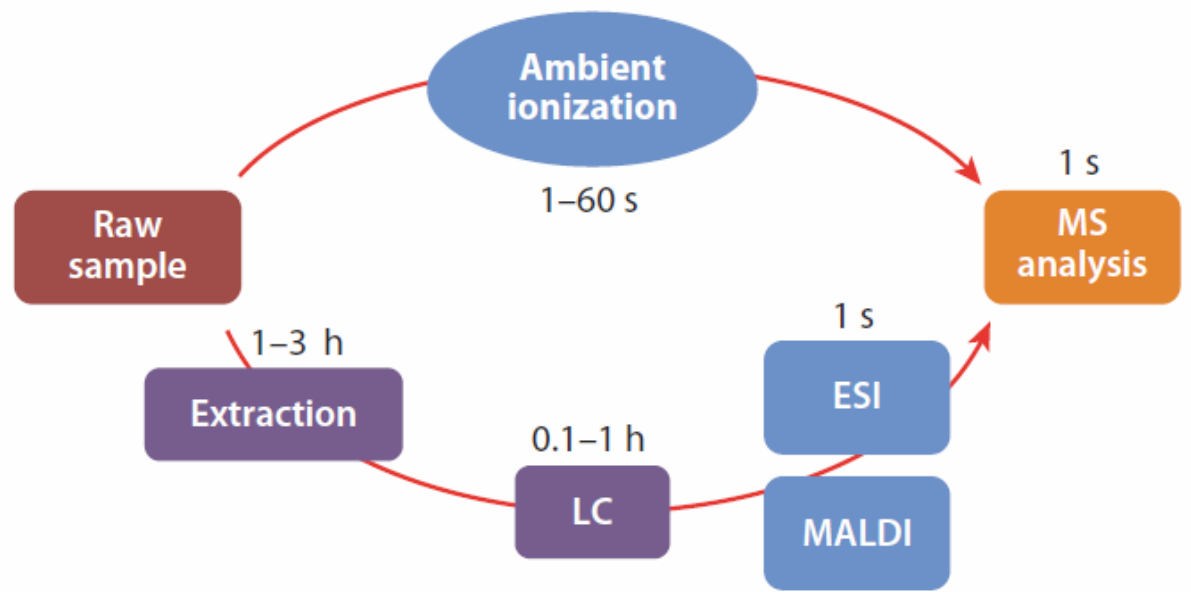


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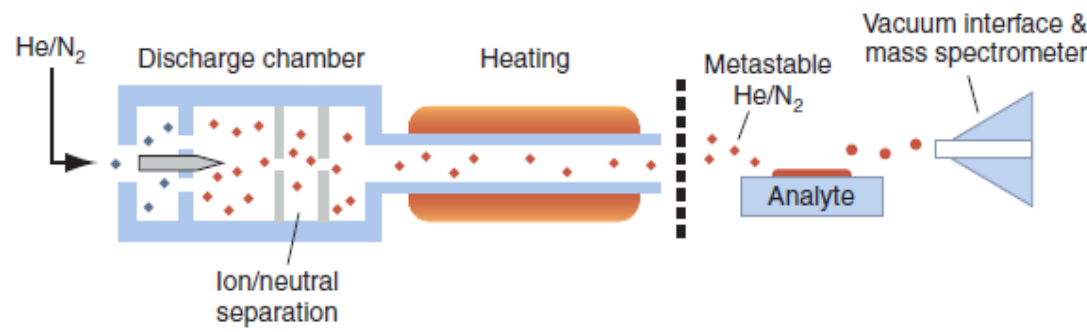
# Introduction

## Analysis of complex condensed-phase samples



DESI

(Desorption electrospray ionization)



DART

(Direct analysis in real time)

**Advantage:** needs few or no sample pretreatment & no LC separation

# Introduction



Food packaging products  
(Environmental Hormone )

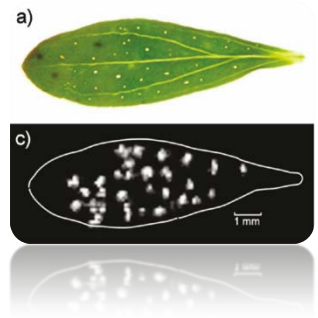
(semi-) Quantification  
(targeted pollutant)



Fast & Simple;  
High selectivity

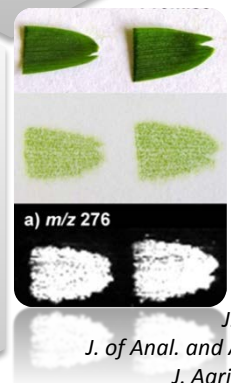
**AMS**

Screening  
(contaminant)



Authentication  
(Marker compound)

Imaging  
(biological source)



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# Introduction

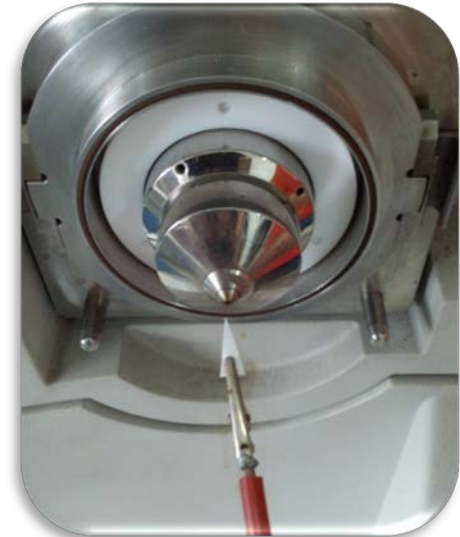
## DESI, Direct spray



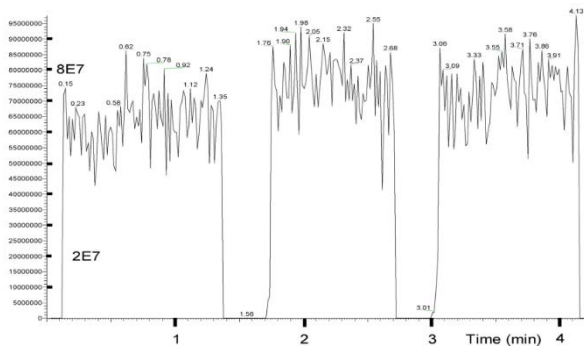
Fruit Spray



Leaf Spray



Paper Spray



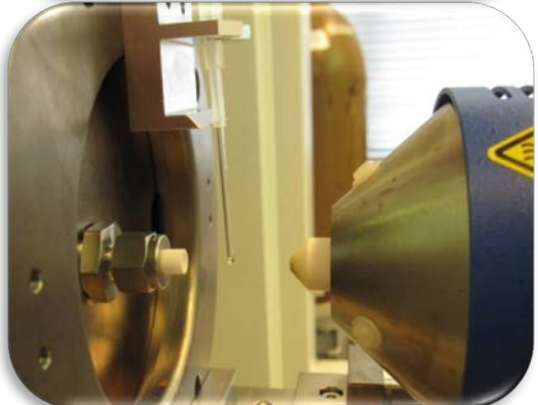
# Introduction

# DART

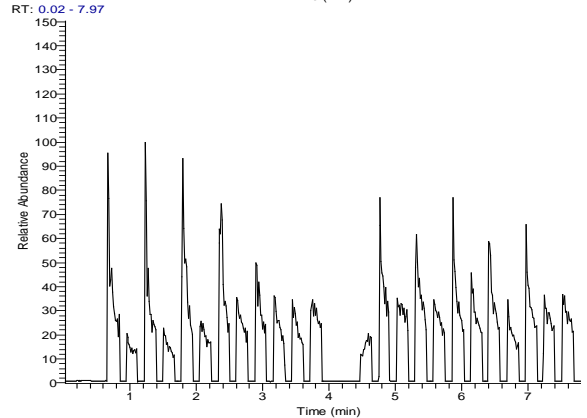
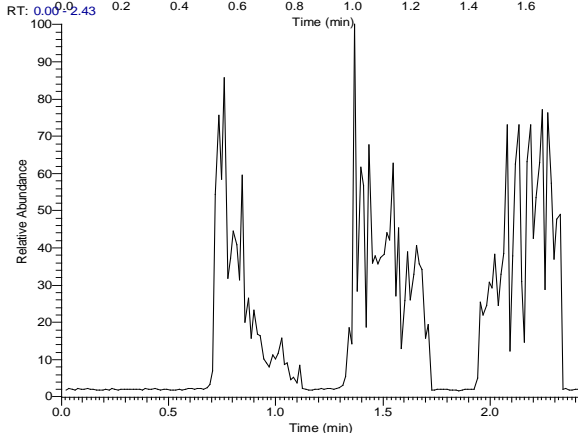
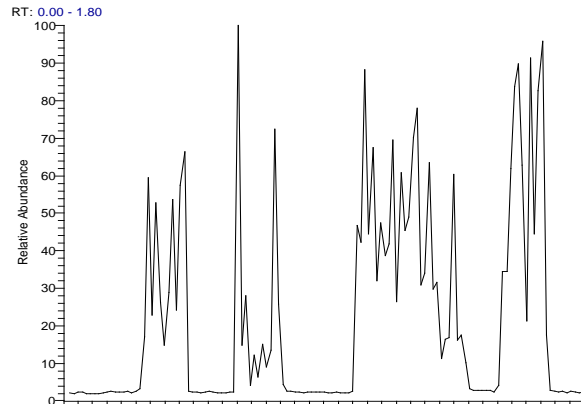
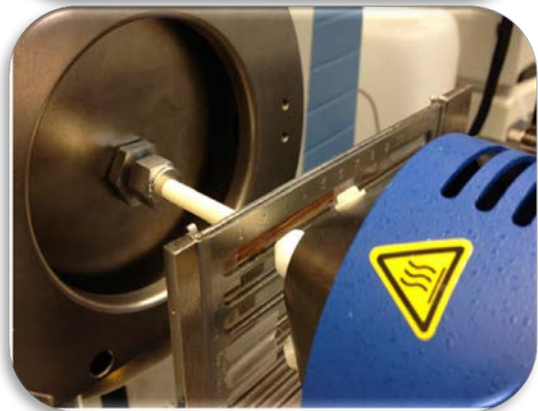
Solid  
Sample



Liquid  
Sample



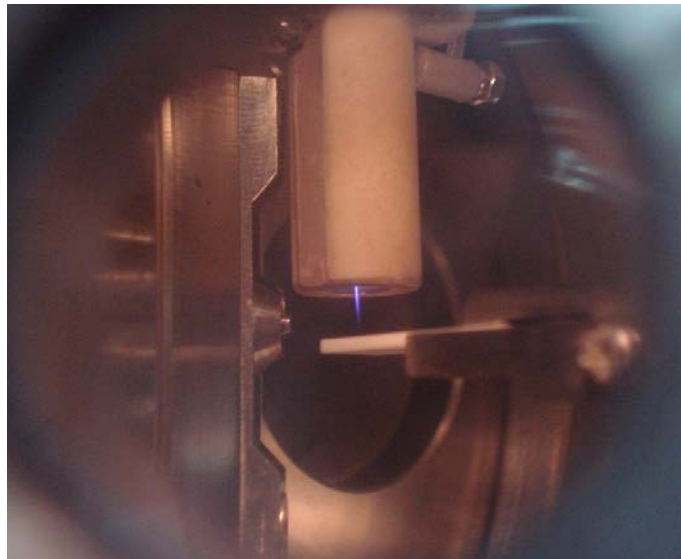
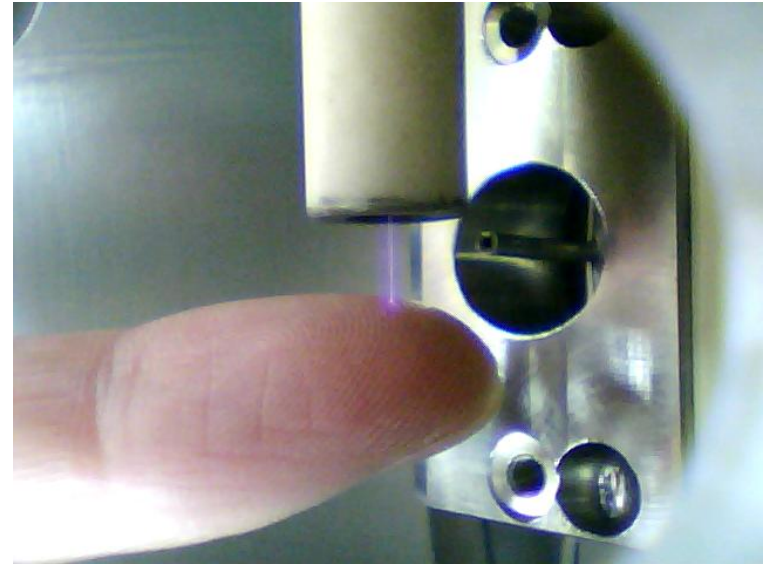
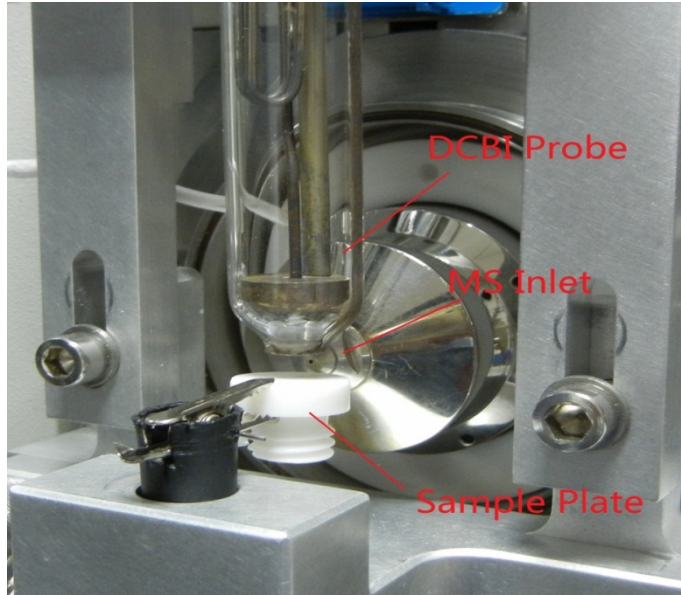
Automatic  
sampling



# Introduction

# DCBI

(Desorption corona beam ionization)



# Authentication

## DART-HRMS / Fruit Spray-HRMS --- Star anise



*Illicium anisatum*



*Illicium verum*

In 2001 in Holland poisoning by Chinese star anise tea contaminated with Japanese star anise: epilepsy, hallucinations, heart problems, nausea.

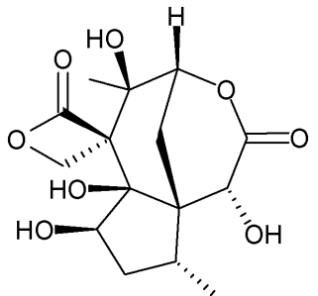
Neurotoxin: **anisatin**



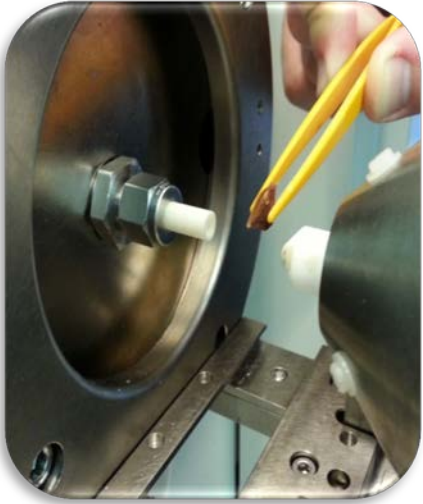
Japanese star anise



Chinese star anise



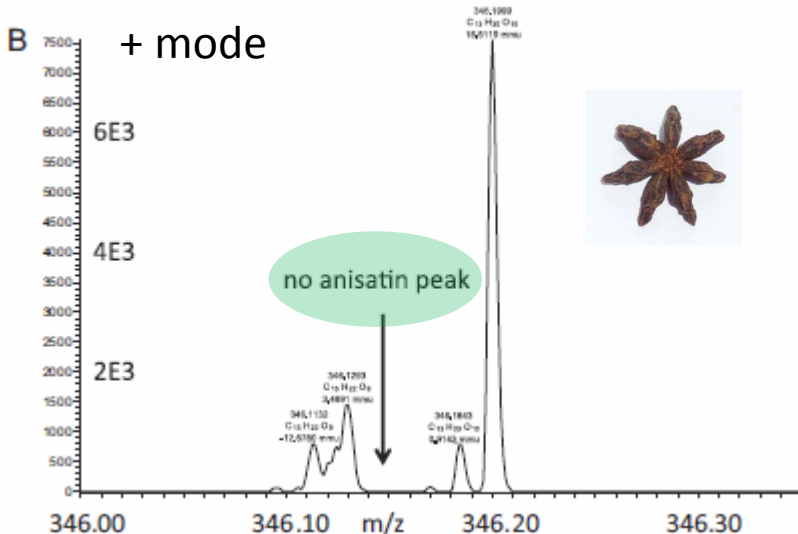
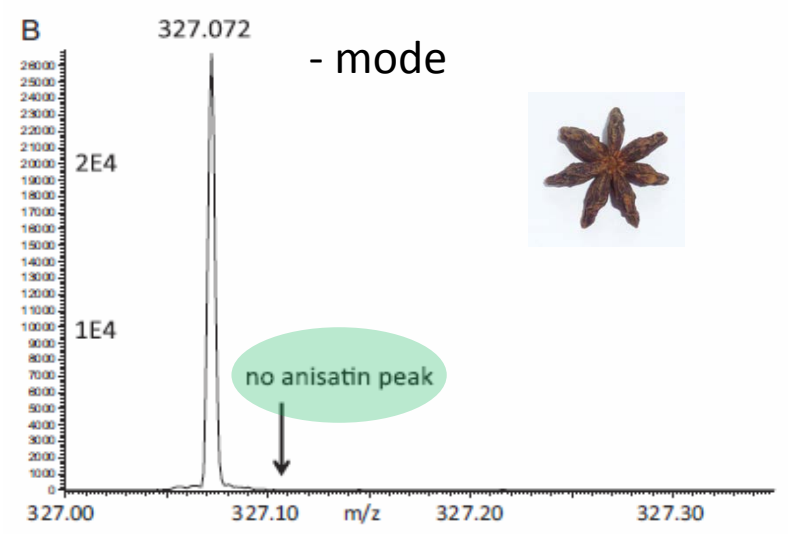
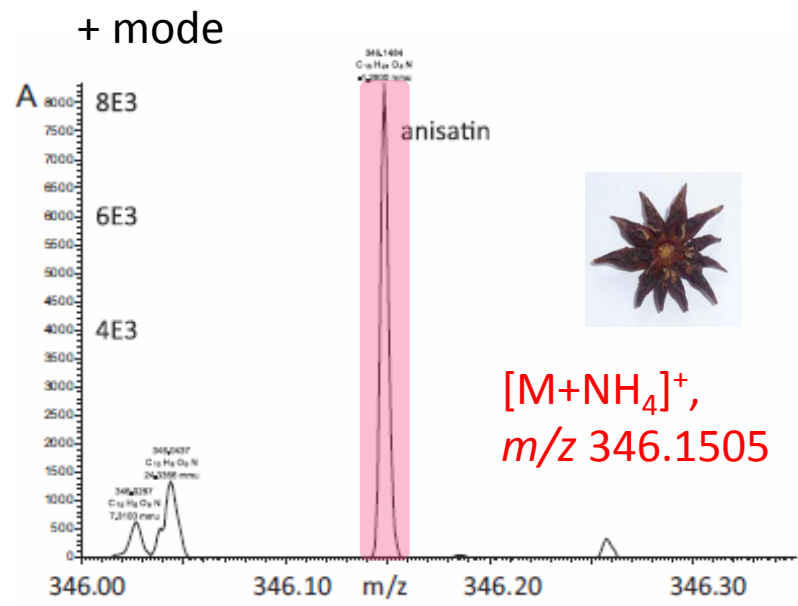
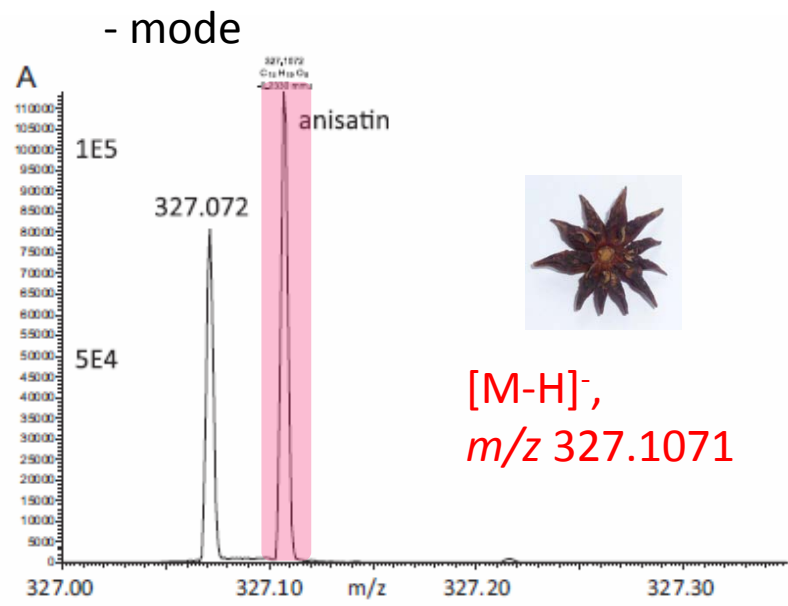
**Anisatin**





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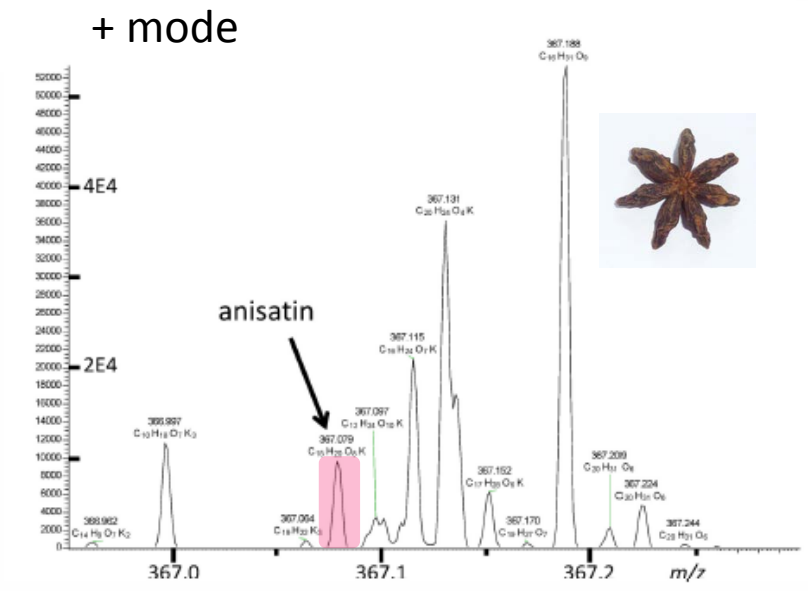
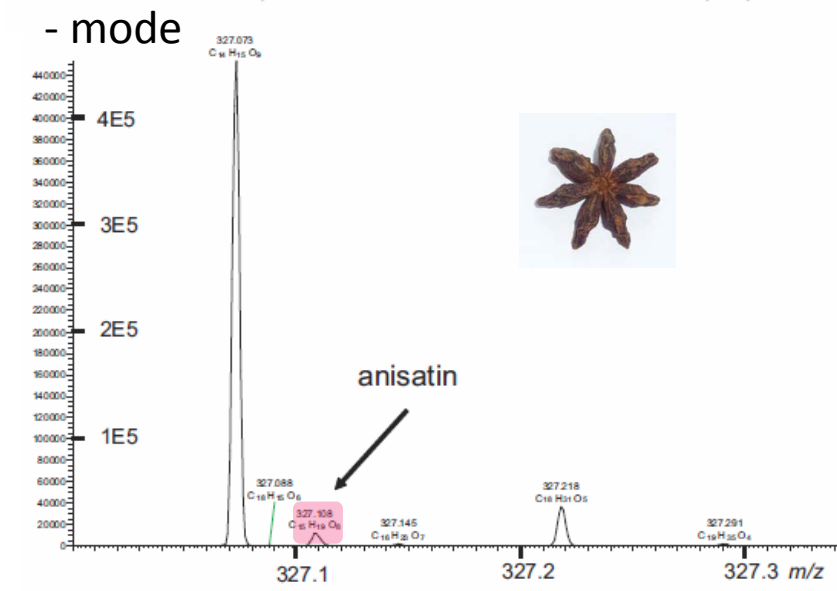
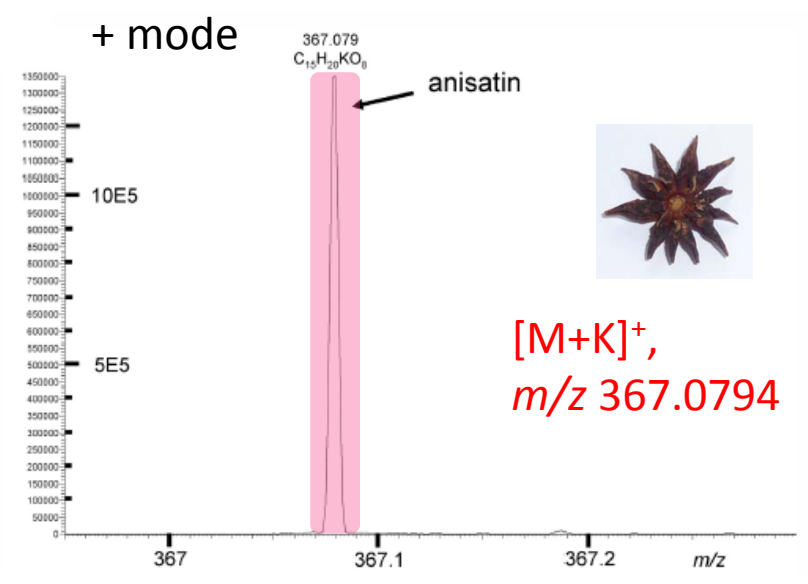
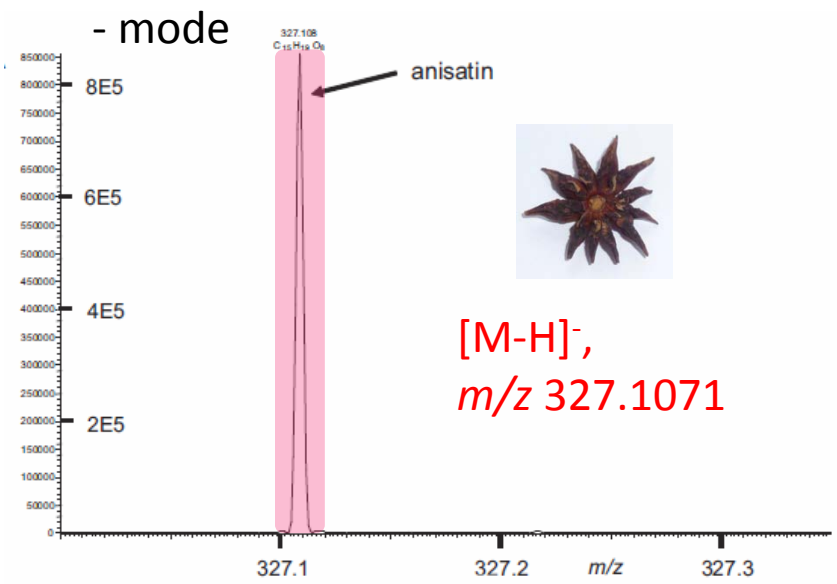
# DART-HRMS



**HR-MS necessary !** In both samples is C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>15</sub>O<sub>9</sub>, m/z 327.07212 present (- mode)

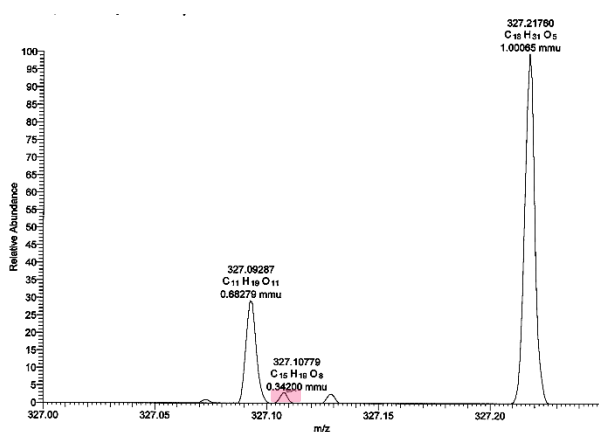
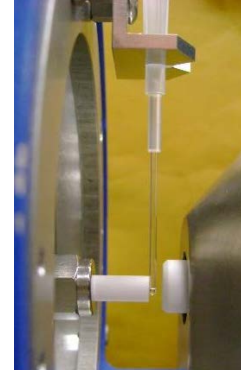
# Authentication

## Fruit spray-HRMS

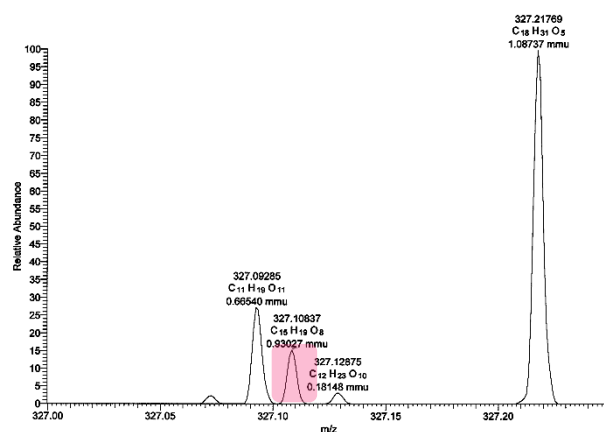


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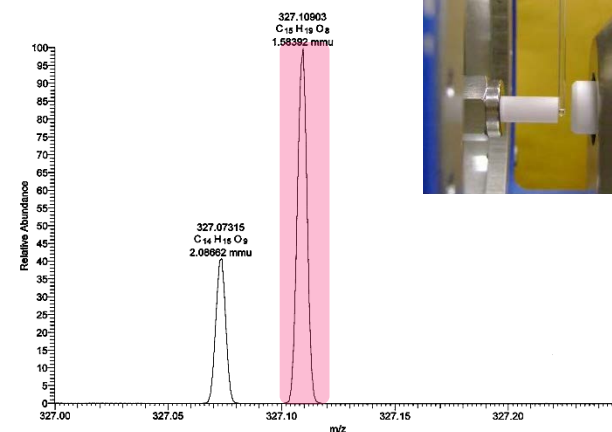
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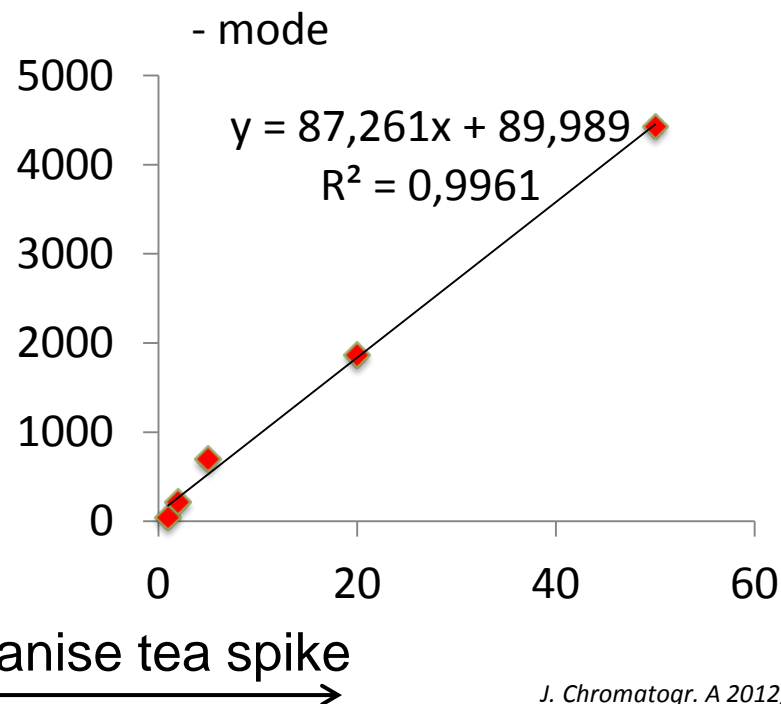
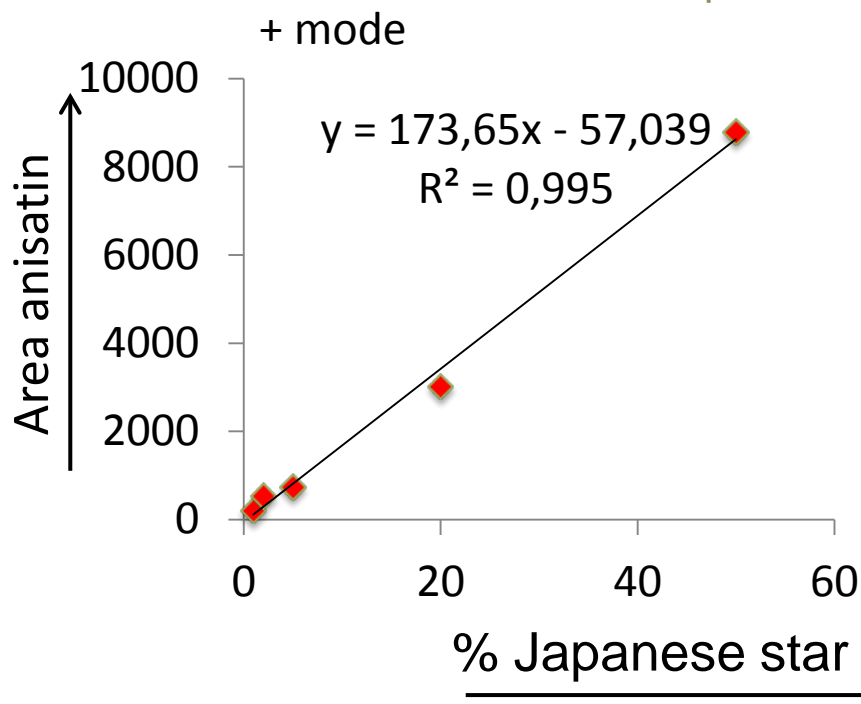
Chinese star anise tea



star anise tea spiked with 1%  
"Japanese star anise tea"



"Japanese star anise tea"



# Authentication

## Comparison

Raw plant

Grind dried plant

Extract with hexane, filter

Dry 30 min at 100 °C

Sonication 30 min in MeOH

Centrifuge 10 min

Evaporate 4 mL with N<sub>2</sub>

Redissolve in 3 mL water

Centrifuge 5 min

Apply to Extrelut, 10 min

Elute with 12 mL MTBE

Evaporate with N<sub>2</sub>

Dissolve in MeCN-water

LC-ESI-MS/MS

About 90 min

- ❖ An **unambiguous** distinction
- ❖ Within **seconds**
- ❖ **Without** any sample pretreatment

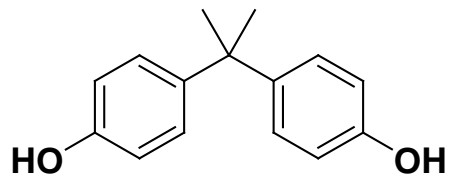
Hold one carpel of Star Anise analysed by DART-HRMS

Data analysis

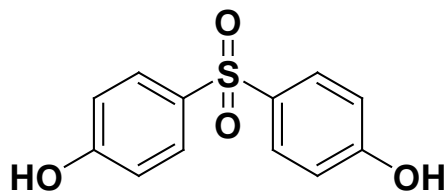


# Food packaging products

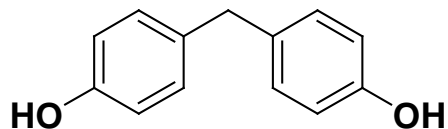
## PS-MS --- Bisphenol A and Its Analogues



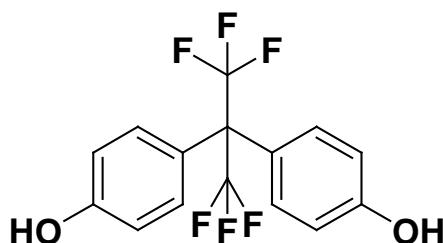
1. Bisphenol A



2. Bisphenol S



3. Bisphenol F



4. Bisphenol AF

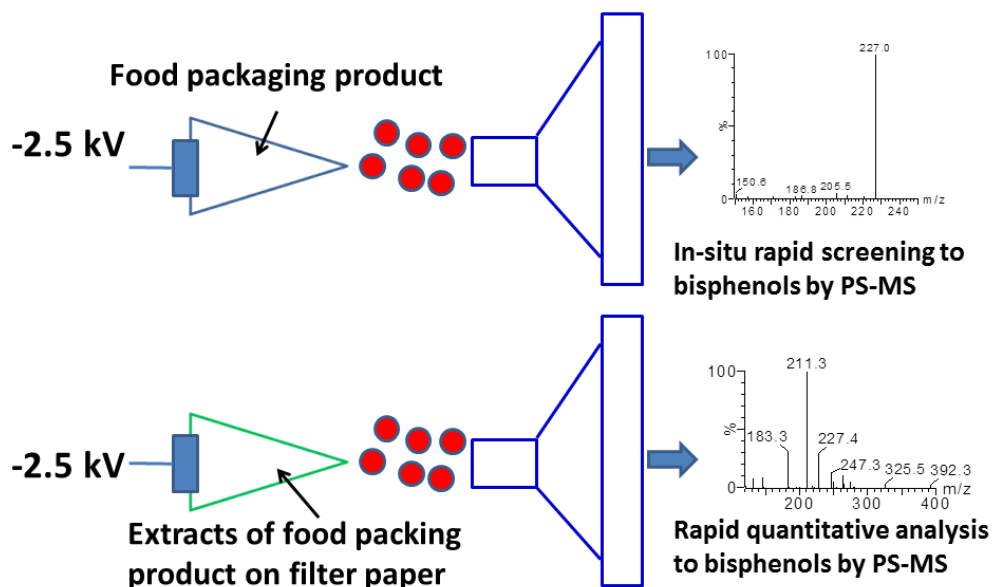
➤ Used in plastic food packaging products, including baby bottles, drinking containers, and snack packaging

➤ Migrate into food

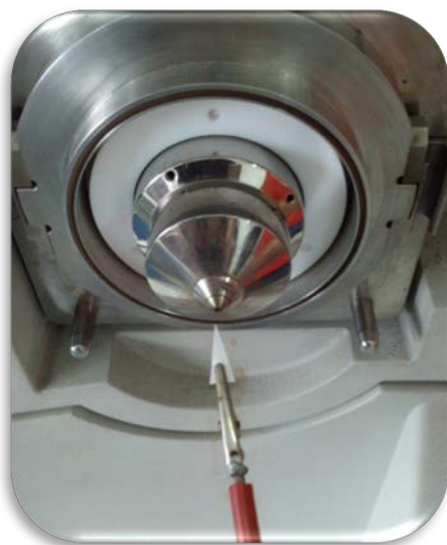
➤ Environmental Hormone, or Endocrine Disrupting Chemicals, EDCs



# Food packaging products



Rapid in situ screening and simultaneous quantitative analysis (bisphenol A- $d_{16}$  used as I.S.) by paper spray



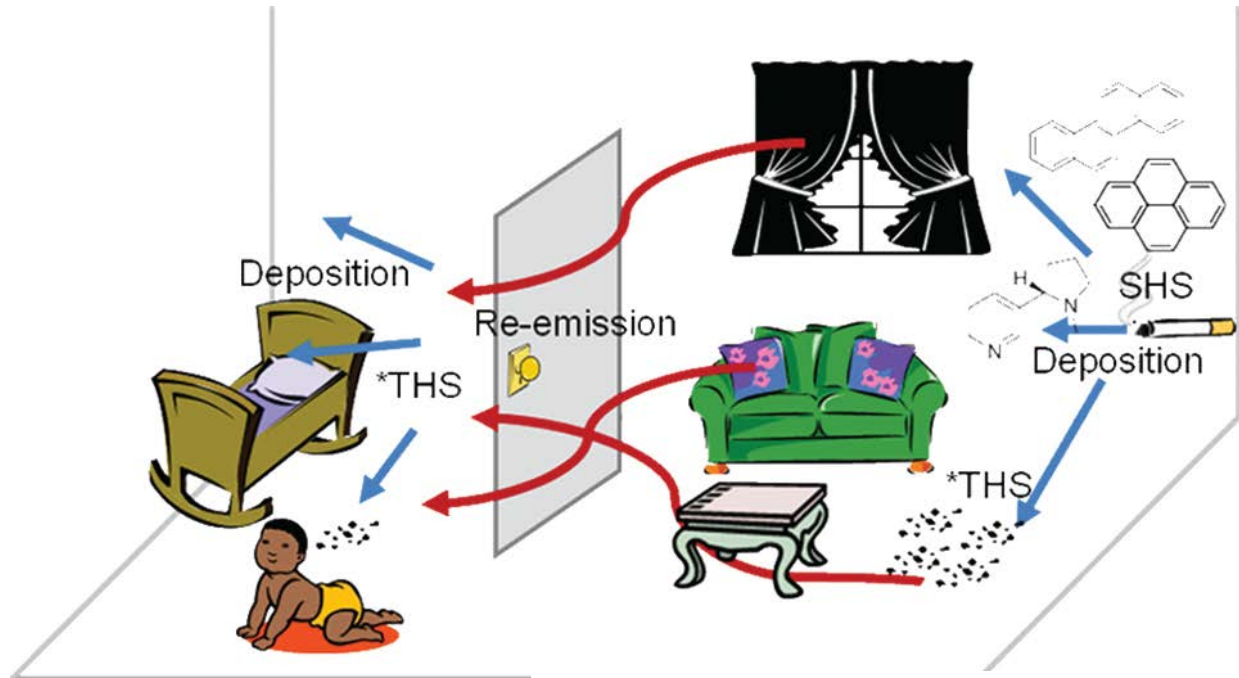
**Table 1. Comparison Results between PS-MS and HPLC-MS/MS**

sample	PS-MS (mg/kg) ( $n = 5$ )		HPLC-MS/MS (mg/kg) ( $n = 5$ )	
	1	2	1	2
paper cup	12.2 ± 0.7	nd <sup>a</sup>	11.8 ± 0.3	nd
baby bottle 1	nd	7.9 ± 0.3	nd	8.5 ± 0.2
baby bottle 2	34.6 ± 2.5	nd	36.2 ± 1.3	nd
food packaging paper	67.2 ± 5.7	nd	69.9 ± 2.4	nd
food packaging film	32.3 ± 1.7	nd	33.7 ± 0.9	nd

<sup>a</sup>Not detected.

# Exposure pollution

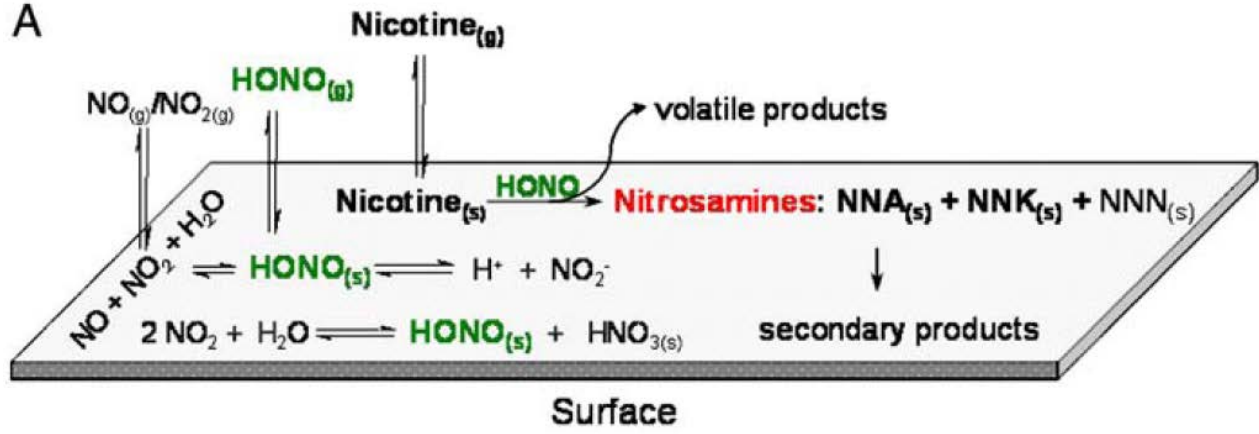
## DCBI-MS/MS --- Third hand smoke (THS)



- Re-emission
- Remain
- Reaction, e.g with ambient nitrous acid (HONO)

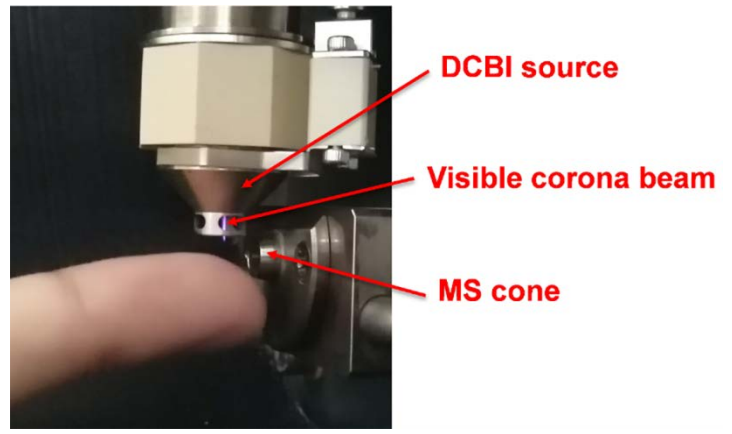
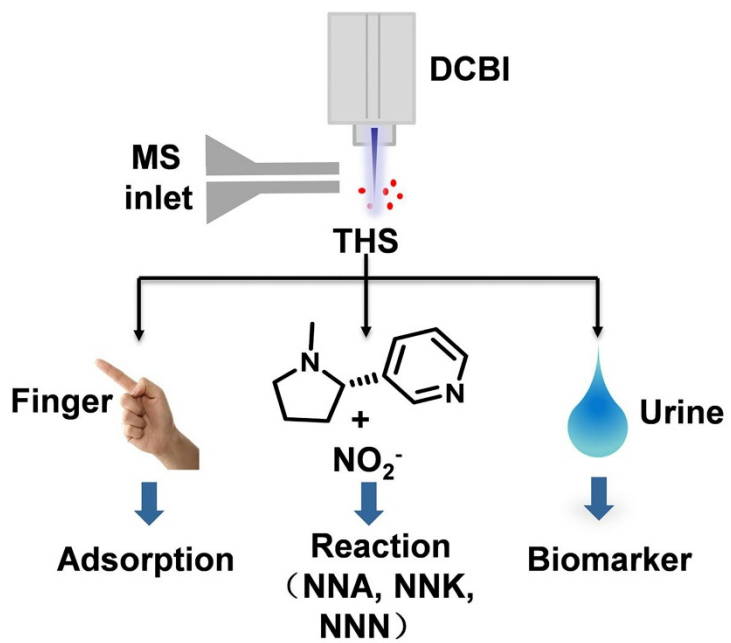
\*Thirdhand Smoke

A



Formation of tobacco-specific nitrosamines (TSNAs).

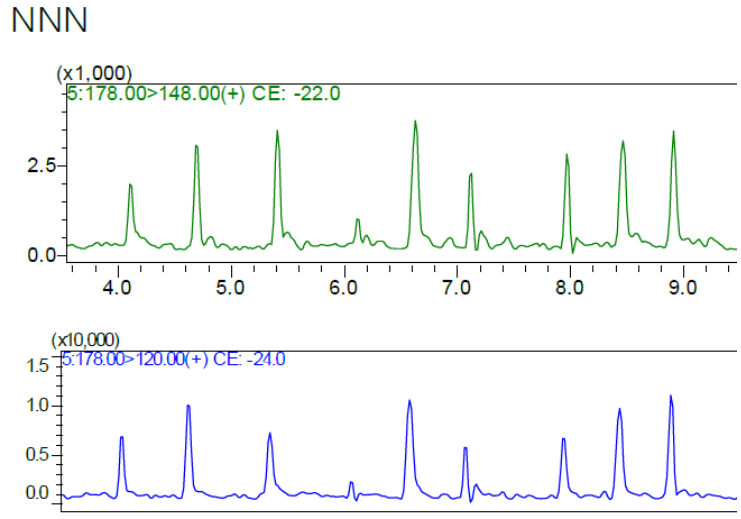
# Exposure pollution



In-situ analysis on finger surface



Quantification analysis



In-situ monitoring TSNA forming on the contaminated sausage surface



# Disadvantages of AMS

- There is a certain amount of “noise” present in the spectrum.
- Accurate quantification is limited.
- Ionization suppression in complex matrix affects sensitivity.

## Perspective

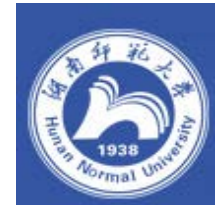
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- Developing new ionization probes.
- Synthesizing Isotope internal standards and developing isotope-coded derivatization strategies.
- Developing portable mass separator for analysis in field.

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