

# DHS as flexible Sampling Tool for Chemical Analysis

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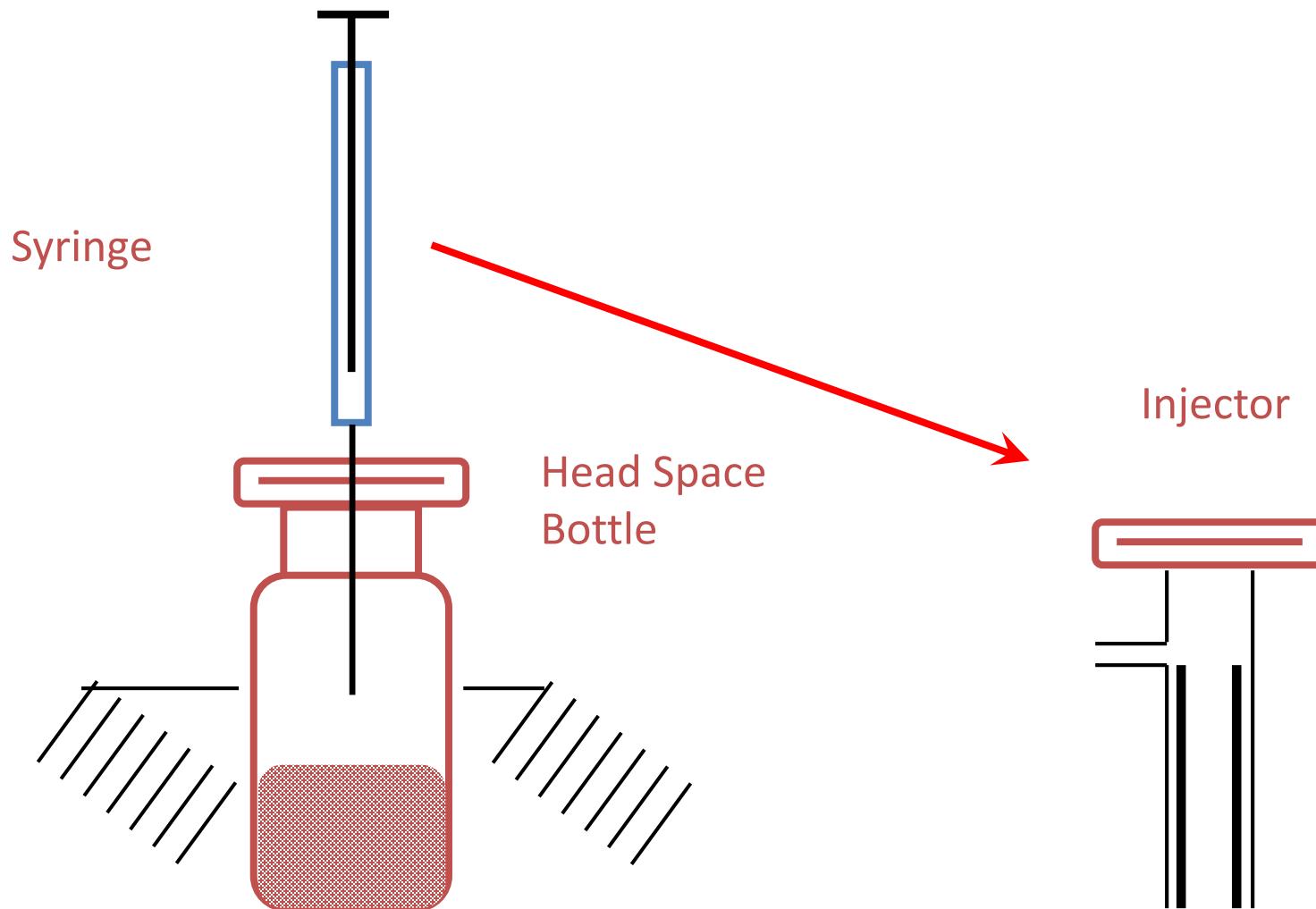
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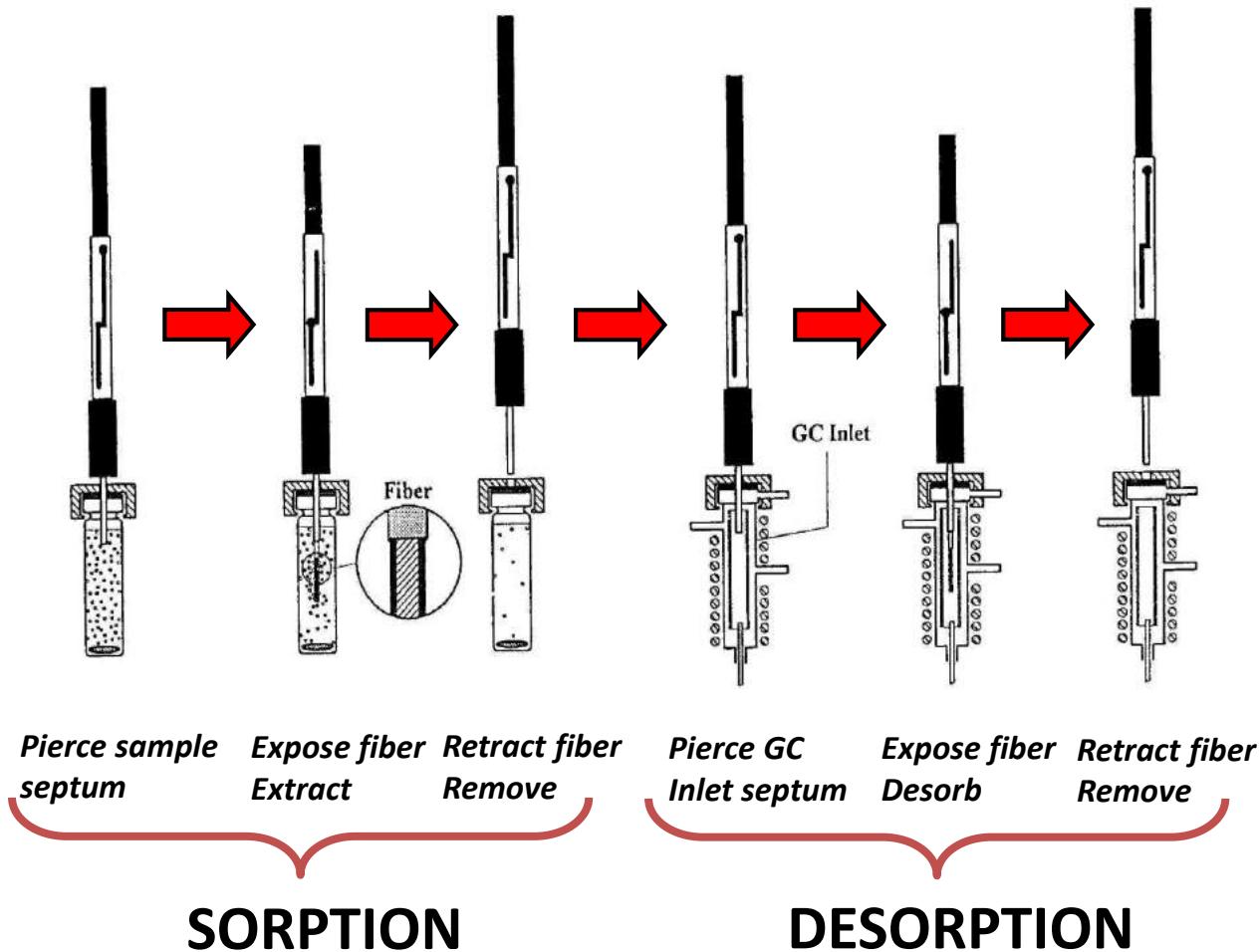
# Sample Preparation Methods for Volatiles

- **Static Headspace (SHS)**
  - Single equilibrium + single injection = classical SHS
    - CTS-2 refocusing
  - Multiple headspace extraction (MHE)
    - Multiple runs (= Kolb method, e.g. Monomers in polymers)
    - Multiple sampling + single run (eg HIT-SHS, ITEX)
- **Dynamic Headspace (DHS)**
  - CTS-2 refocusing
  - Purge & Trap (P&T)
- **Sorptive Extraction**
  - **Solid Phase Micro-Extraction (SPME)**
    - New: SPME Arrow (increased volume of extraction phase)
  - **Stir Bar Sorptive Extraction (SBSE)**

# Static Headspace (SHS)

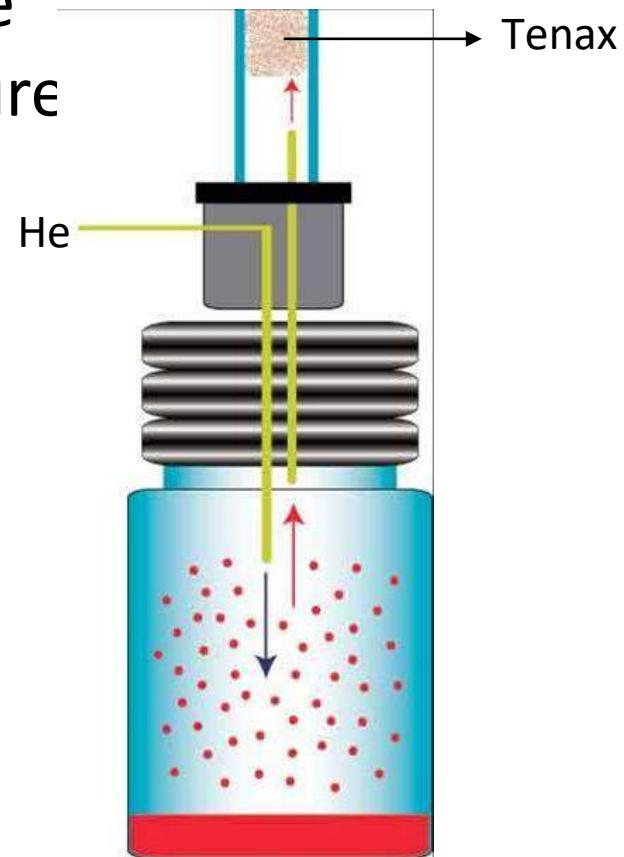


# Solid Phase Micro-Extraction (SPME)



# Dynamic Headspace (DHS)

- Continuous purging of headspace (sample) at controlled temperature for controlled time at controlled flow.
- Trapping of VOCs (adsorbent, sorbent, 20 °C – 70 °C)
- Thermal desorption of trap
- Goal: “exhaustive” extraction = highest sensitivity



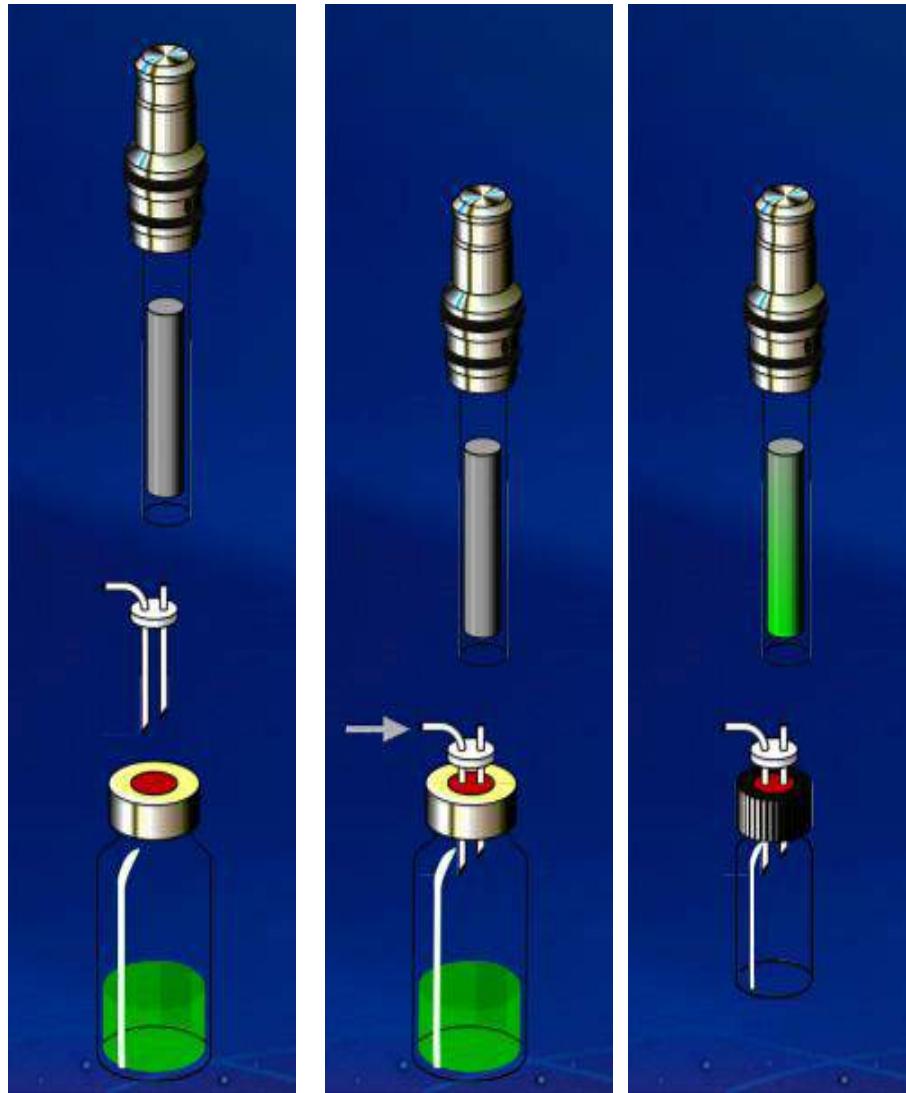
# Importance of DHS in Chemical Analysis

- Importance in Flavor analysis – Perception:  
“no technique can deliver the same results as steam distillation (or SAFE)”
- Only LLE can deliver full chromatographic profiles covering a wide enough volatility range
- DHS versus Purge & Trap: Sensitivity within the analysis of volatiles

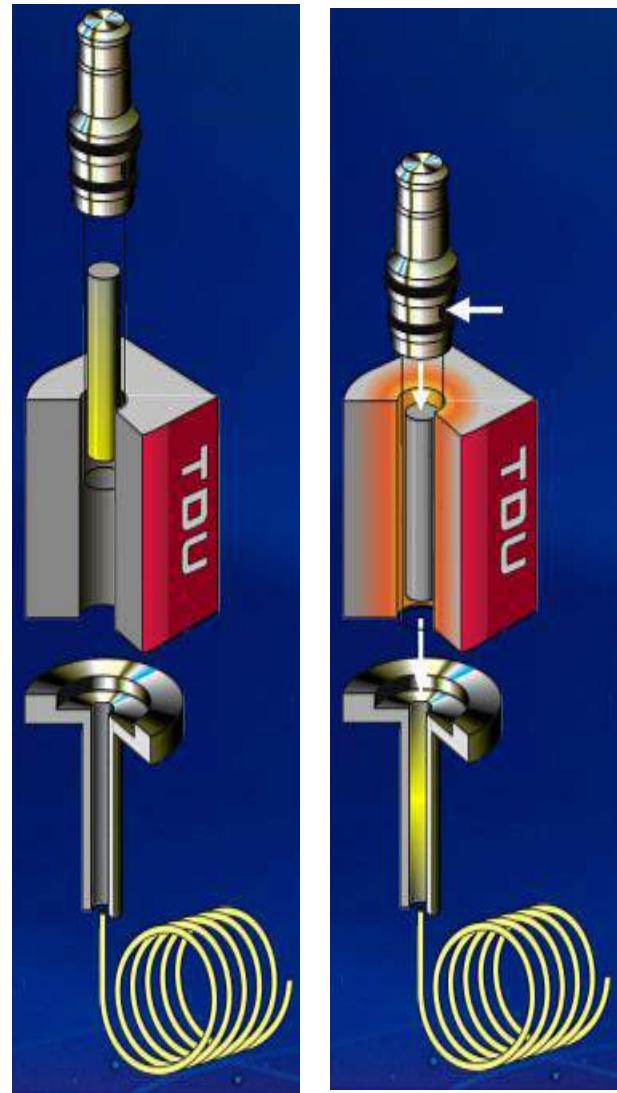
## Gerstel DHS:

- **Sensitivity (exhaustive extraction ?)**
- **Fully Automated - Final step in sample prep automation**
- **Reduced cross-contamination (e.g. compared to P&T)**
- **Flexibility (different modes): DHS > FEDHS > MVM > DHS/CTS-2 > SE-DHS**
- **Probably the closest to SDSE & SAFE: “full” profile**

# DHS



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# TDU/PTV combination



Liquid injection of extract  
directly into a TDU insert

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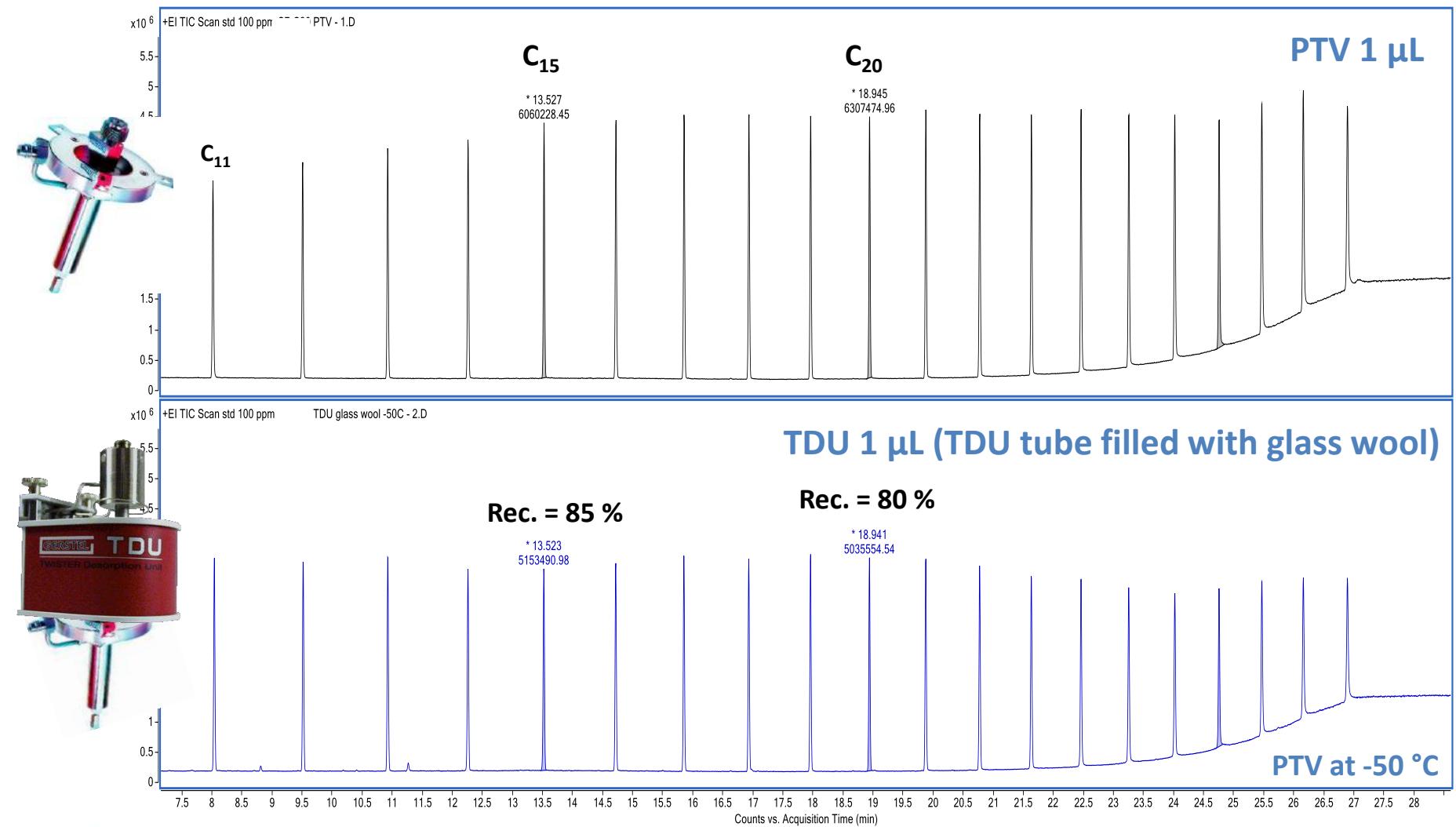
Thermal extraction (TE)

And

DHS Analysis... !!



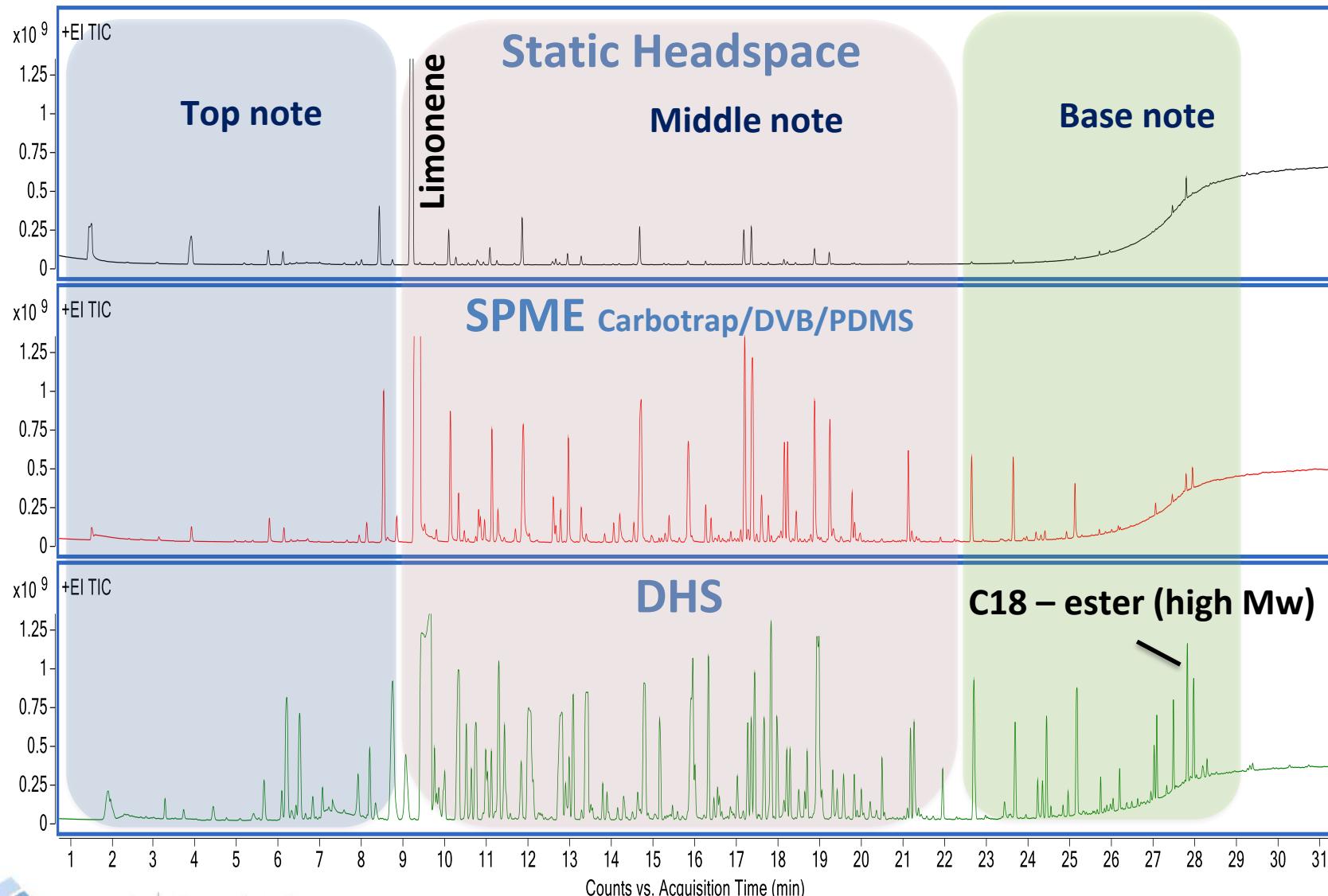
# Liquid injection: Standard PTV inj. versus Liquid TDU-PTV



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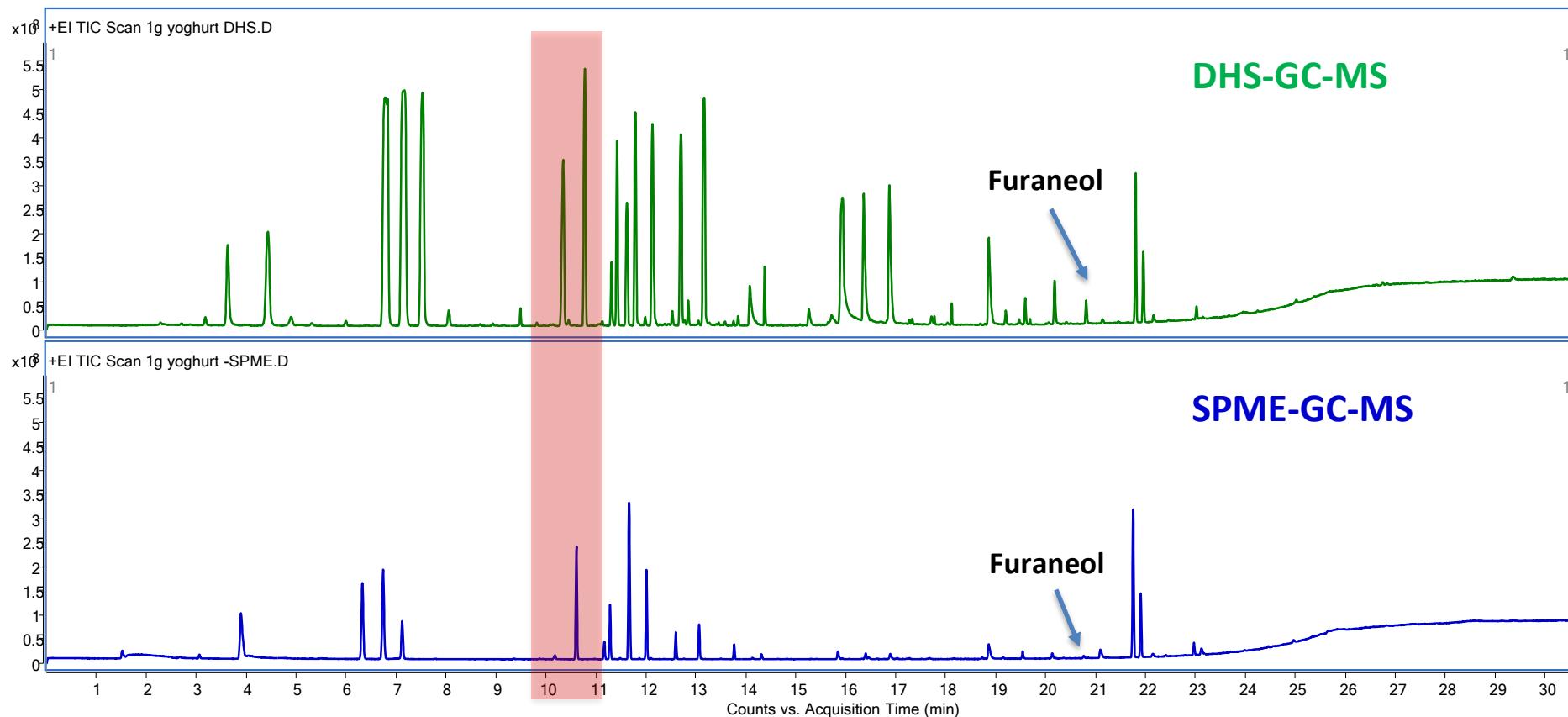
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# Method comparison for Fruit drink



# DHS vs SPME: Yoghurt (Strawberry aroma spiked)

1g yoghurt in 20 mL vial



*Trans-hexenal detected @ 10.45 min by DHS and not by SPME*

# DHS vs SPME: Beef powder

250mg powder with 1 mL water in 20 mL vial

x10<sup>8</sup> +EI TIC Scan 250mg powder+water DHS.D

Top / Middle

DHS-GC-MS

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Aldehydes / Sulfides

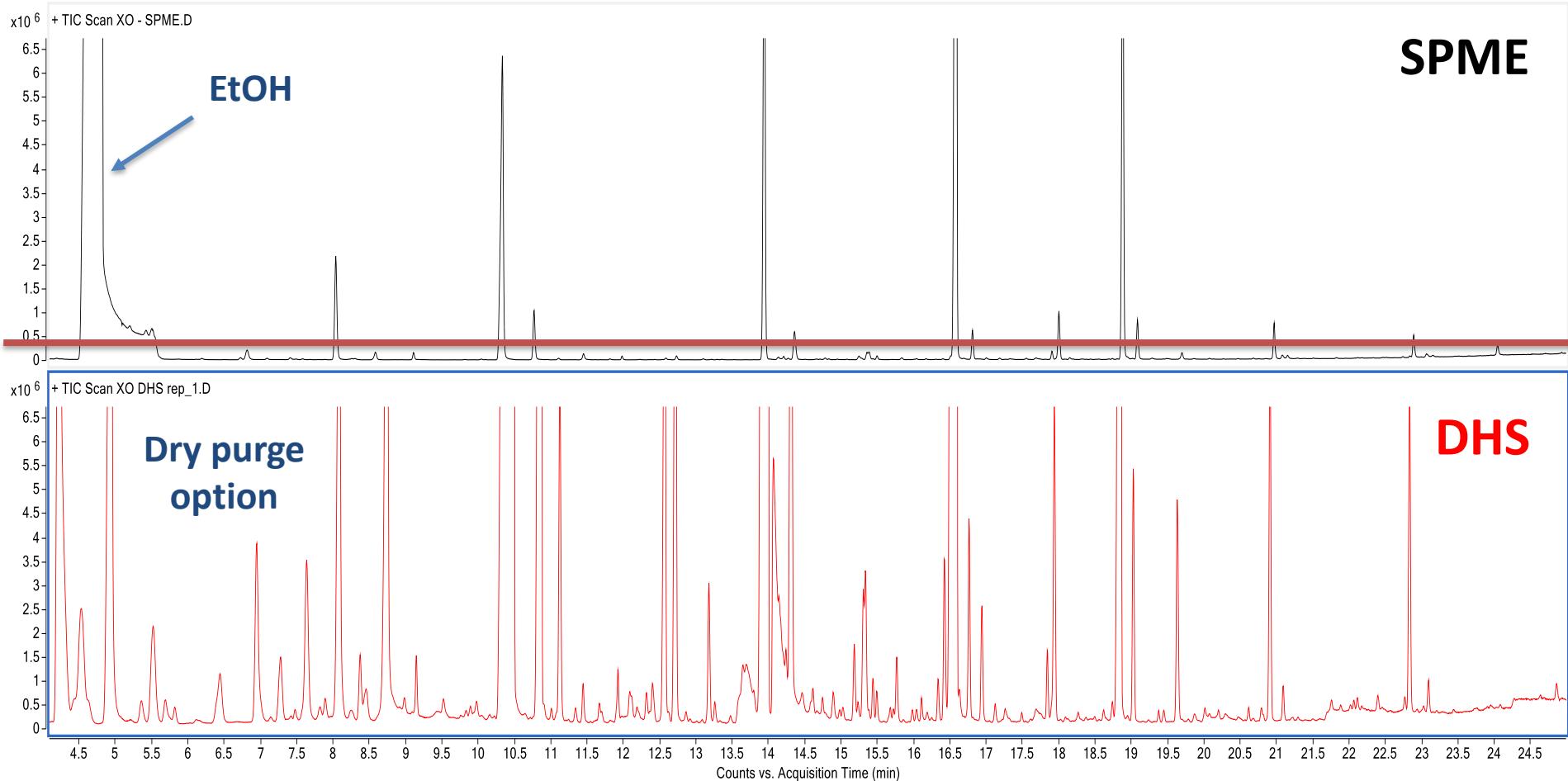
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SPME-GC-MS

Counts vs. Acquisition Time (min)

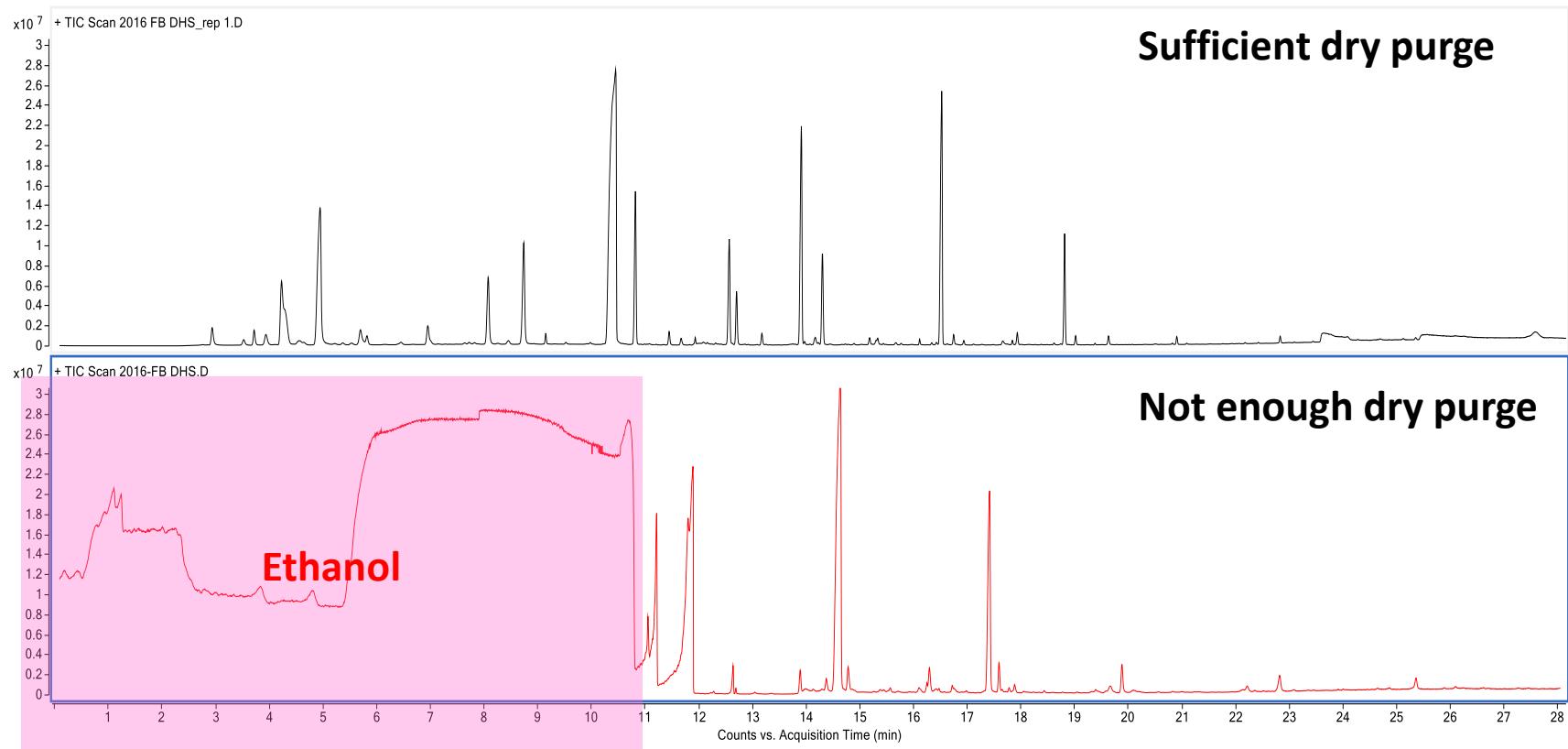
# DHS vs SPME: Cognac XO (Extra Old !!)

2 mL in 20 mL vial



# DHS-GC-MS: importance of dry purge option

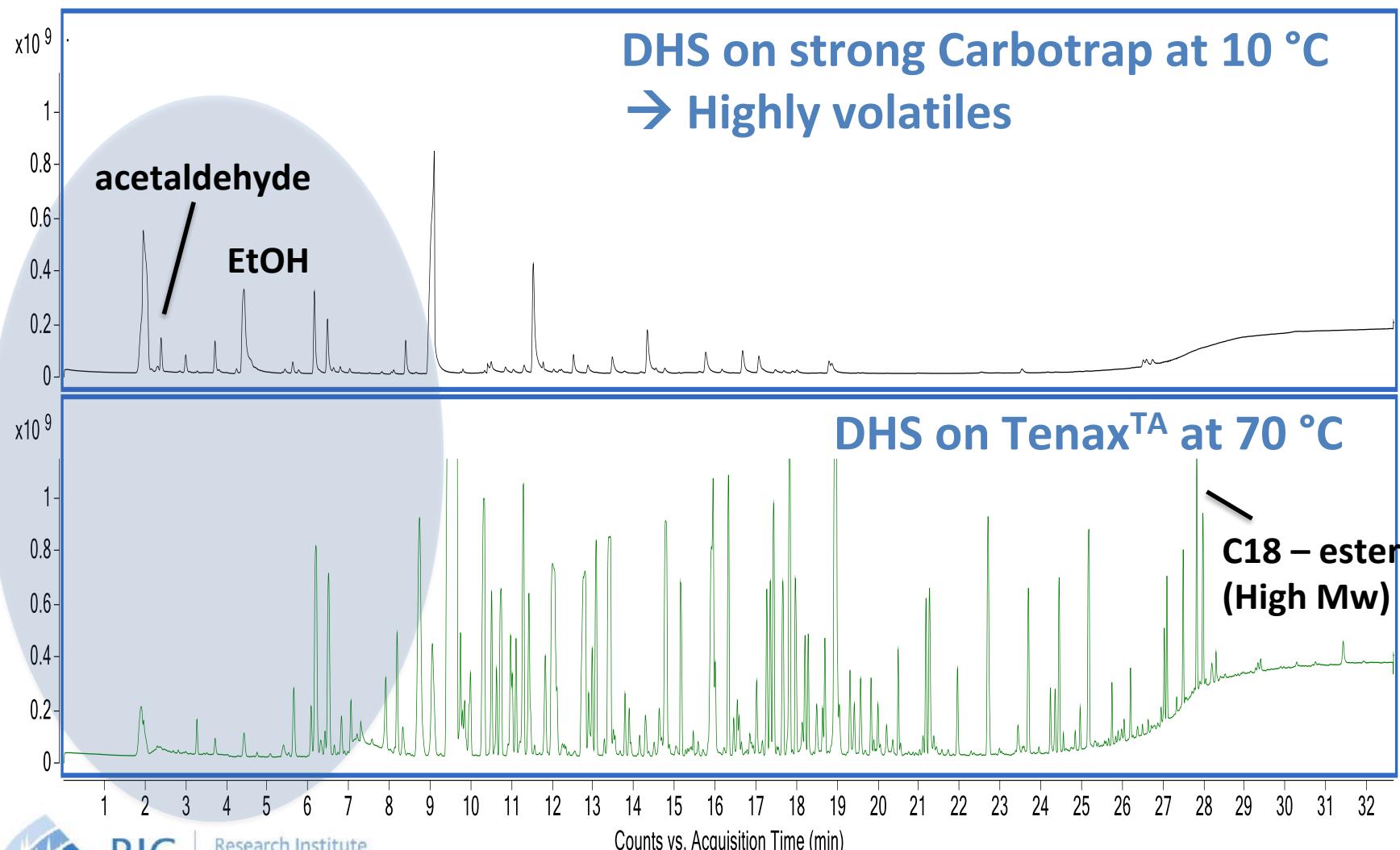
## Cognac XO



# DHS modes of operation

- Conventional DHS: single extraction – single run
  - Tenax or Carbotrap (#) adsorption tube
  - without/with dry purge - offline (DHS)/online (TDU solvent vent) dry purge
- FEDHS: Full Evaporation DHS
- MVM: Multi-Volatile Method
  - Multiple tubes & DHS sampling
  - Desorption & trapping
  - Single GC run
- Derivatization-DHS
- DHS / CTS-2 for very volatile compounds – sensitivity “boost”
- SE-DHS (End-Step within sample prep automation)
- DHS Large

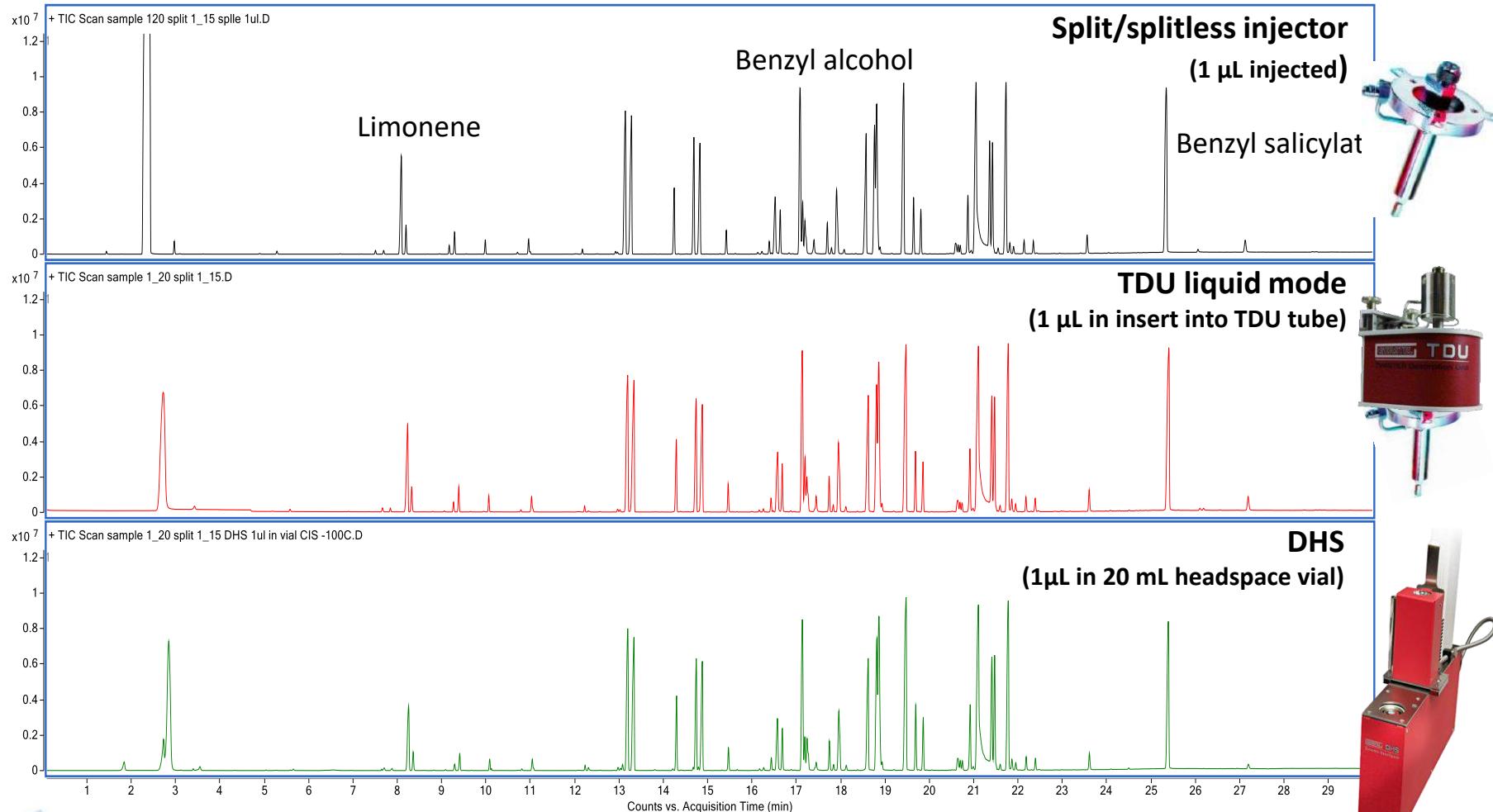
# Create complementary DHS methods for aroma compounds in food and beverages – Fruit drink



# DHS can deliver similar results as liquid injection

## Standard DHS method development step

1 µl 1/20 dilution of perfume in acetone – 1/15 split injection



# DHS parameters - Flexibility

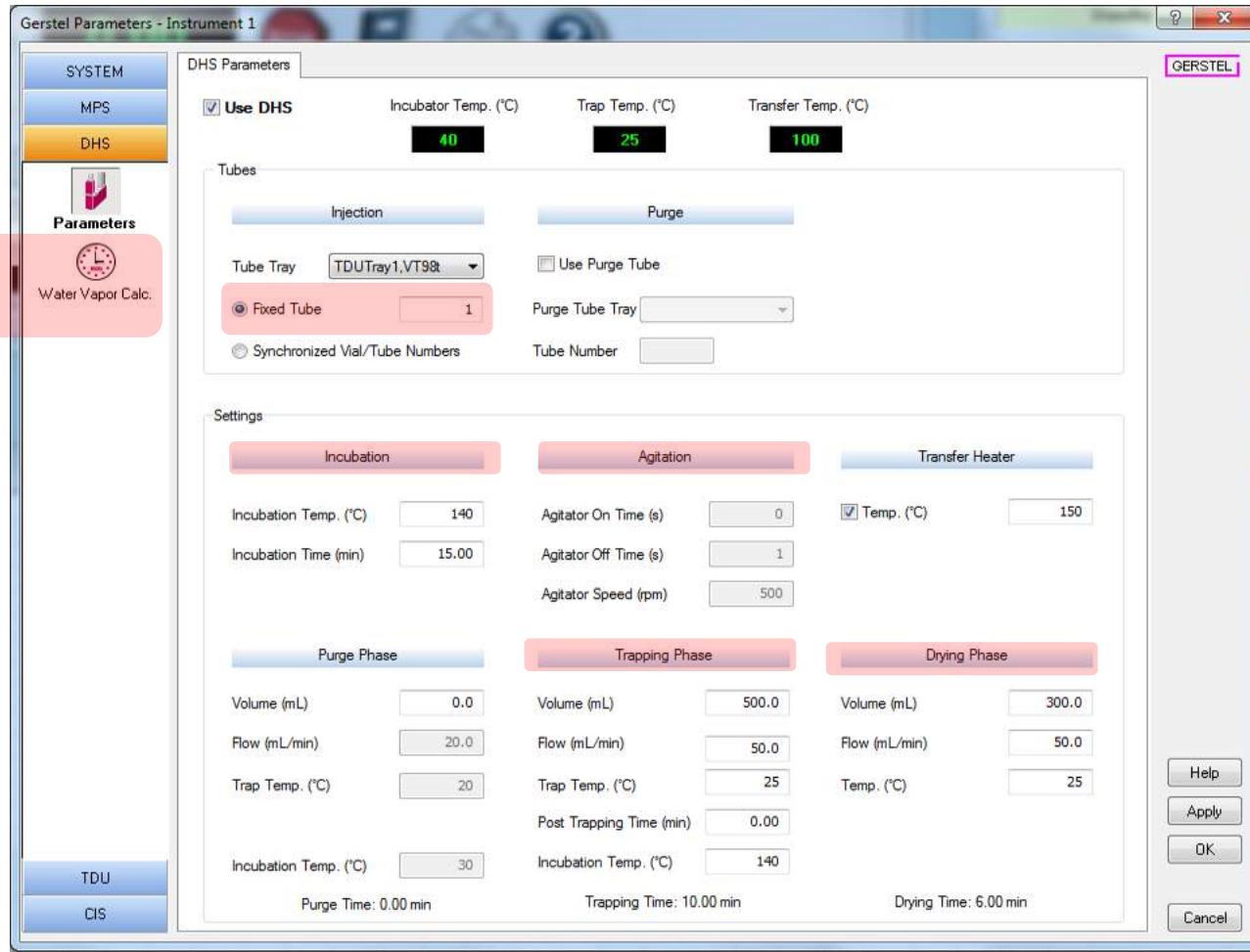
- Extraction (classic DHS)
  - Incubation (sample) temperature (as low as possible)
  - Trap:
    - Material
    - Temperature (higher = less water)
  - Time & flow (= x rinses of vial volume)  
example: 500 mL volume, 50 mL/min = 10 min = 25 rinses
  - Dry purge ??? (loss of volatiles)
- TDU: desorption temperature (time, flow, temperature)
- CIS:
  - Focusing temperature (w/ packing?)
  - Injection mode (split, splitless)
  - Injection temperature
- CTS 2 refocusing

# DHS parameters in Maestro

Water Vapor Calc.

Calculates the amount of water on the tube after x mL of purge volume during DHS enrichment

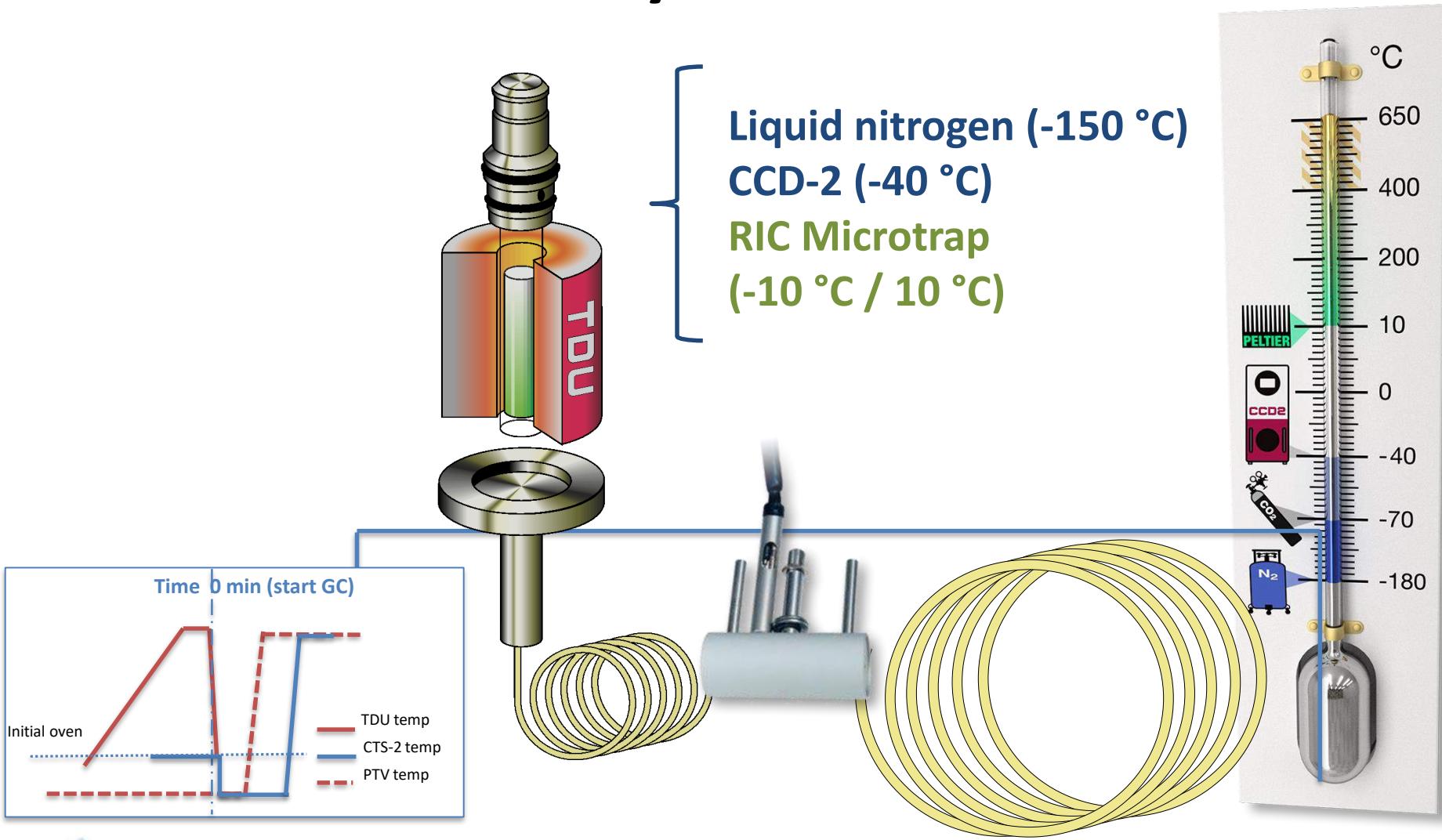
$pV = nRT$  let's us calculate the minimum dry purge volume



Breakthrough volume is very low for water on Tenax and Carbo based desorption tubes

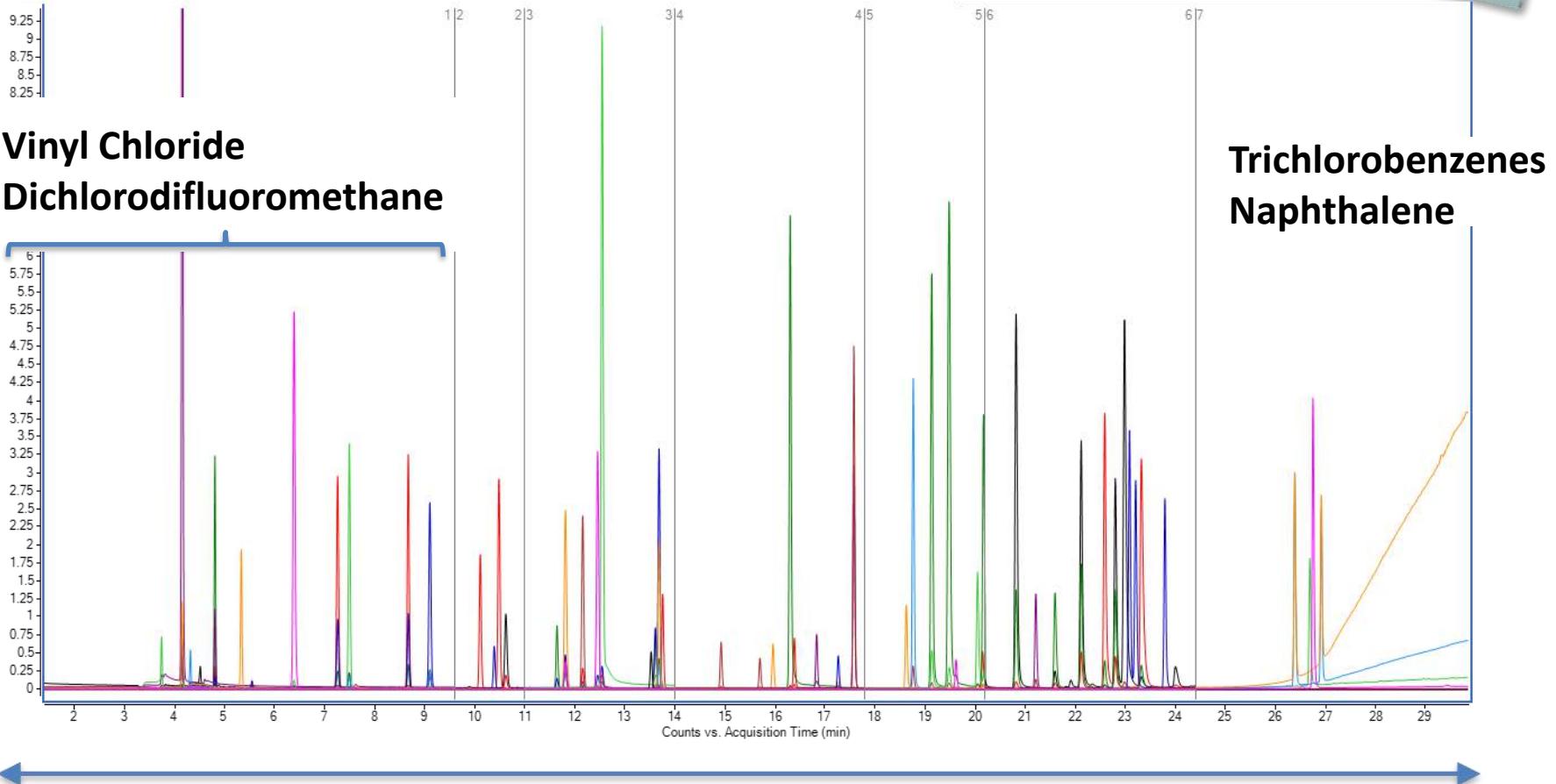
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## Very Volatiles



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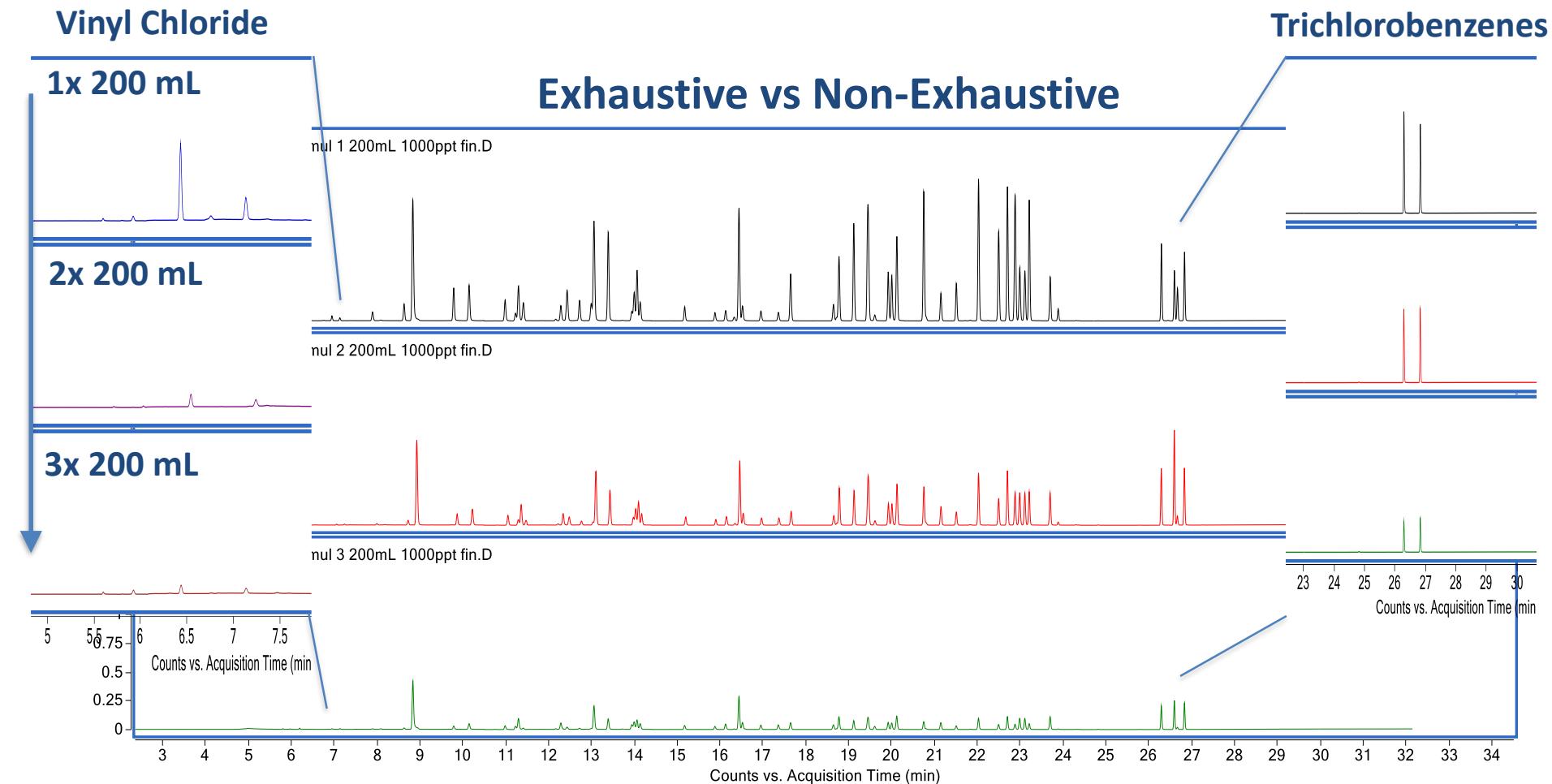


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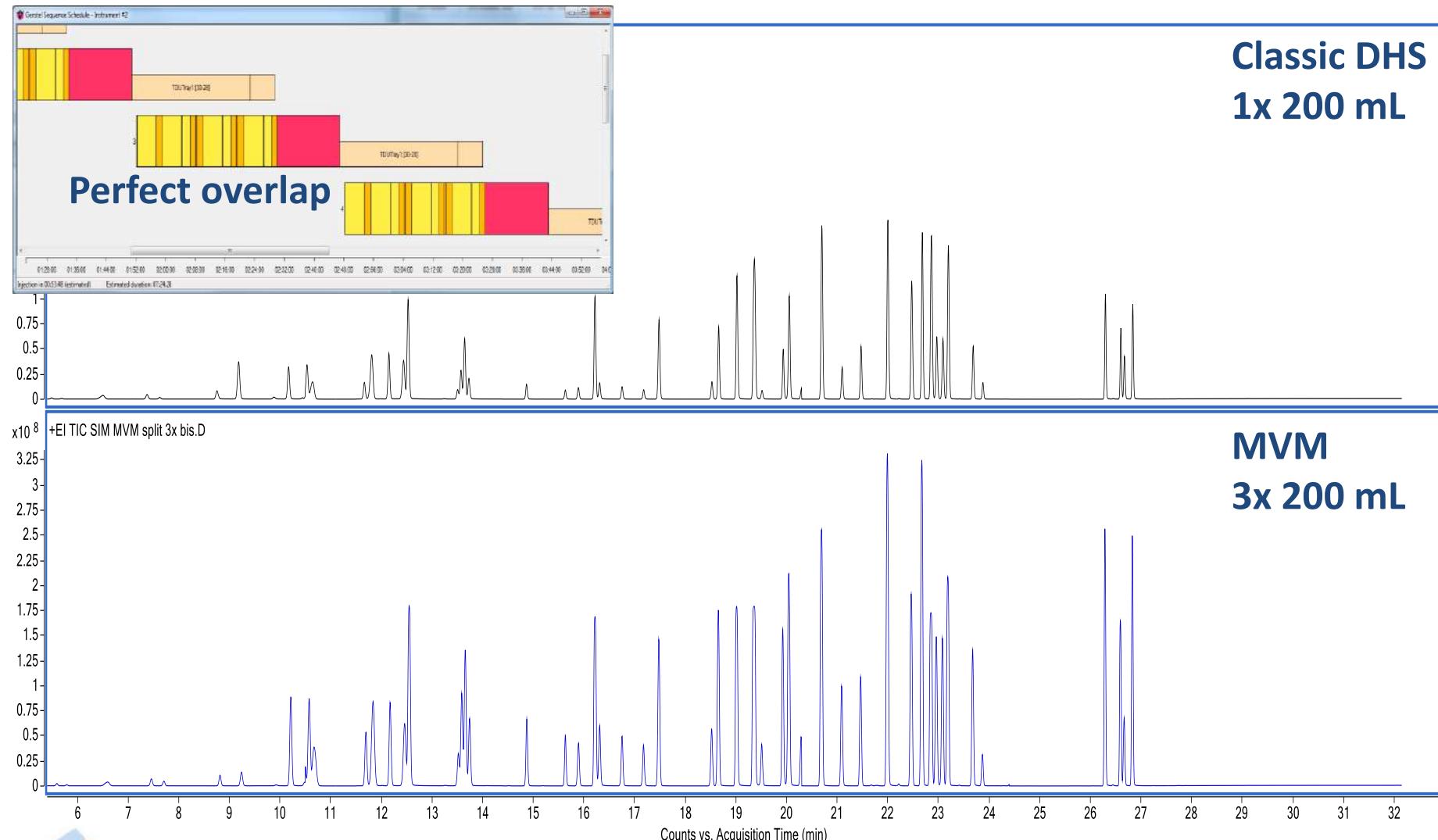
# **Dynamic Headspace (+ CTS-2)**

## **Very Volatiles 1000 ppt / 10 mL of water sample**



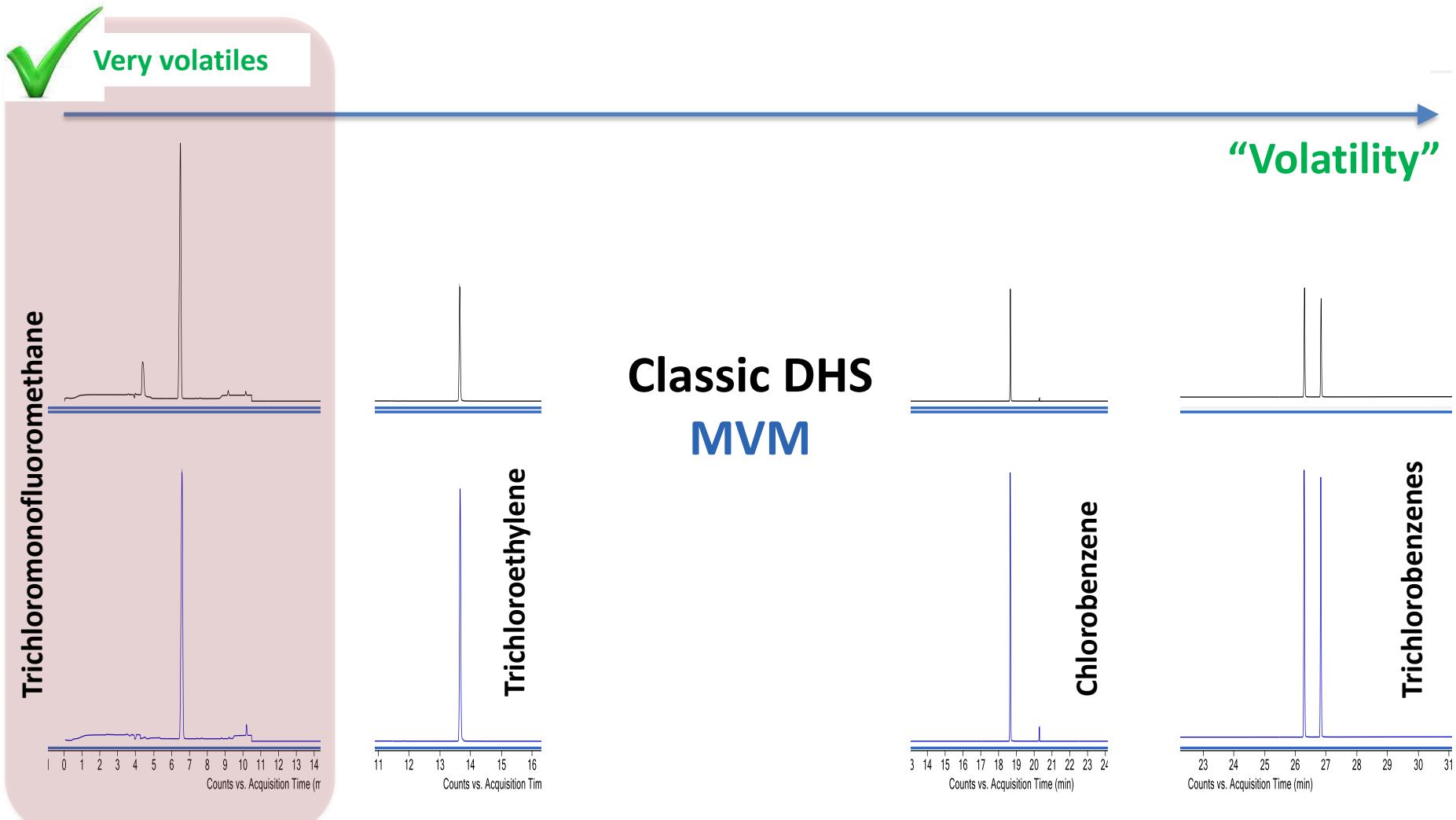
# Dynamic Headspace (+ CTS-2)

## MVM will avoid breakthrough



# Dynamic Headspace (+ CTS-2)

**„Exhaustive“ enrichment / higher sensitivity**

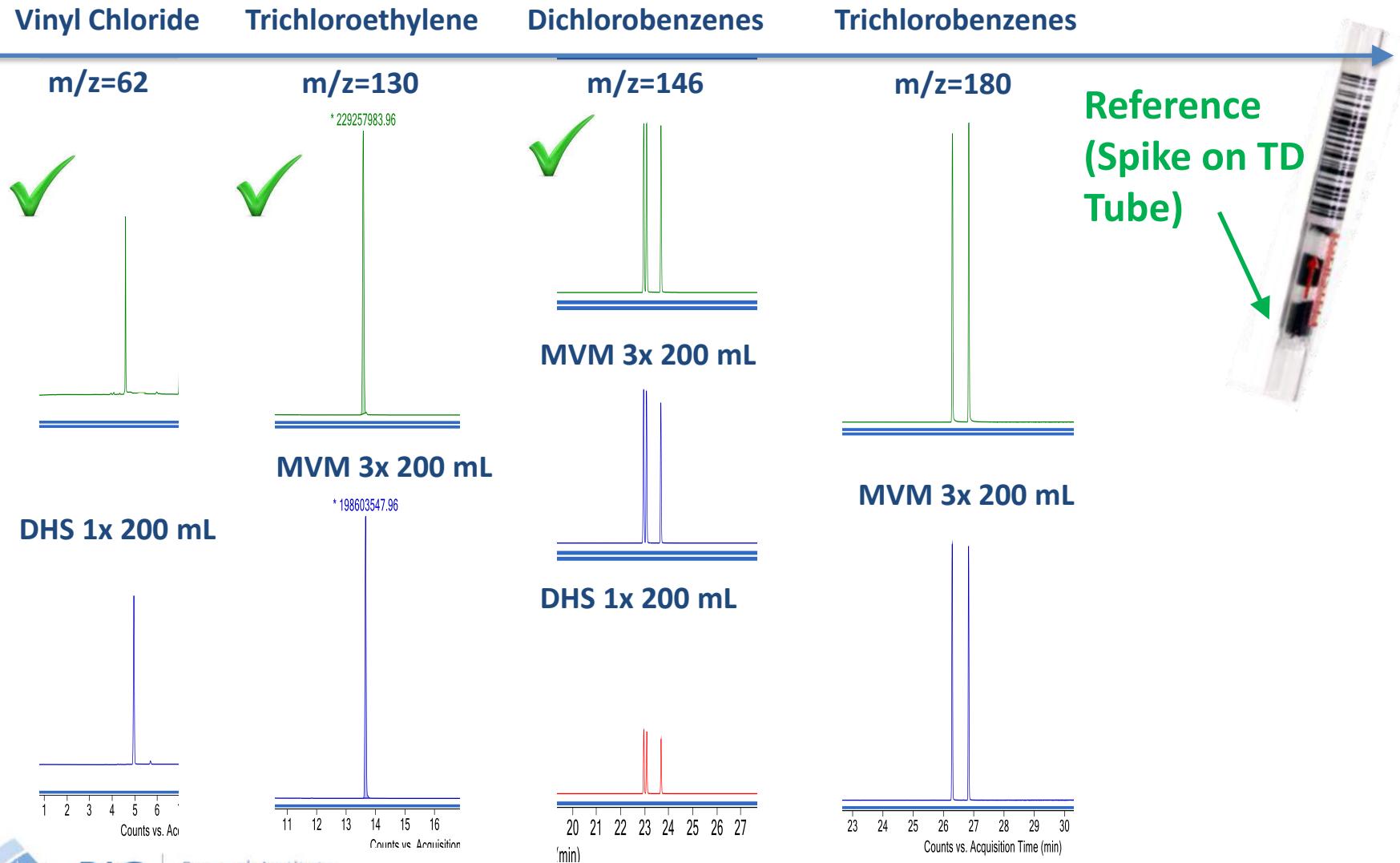


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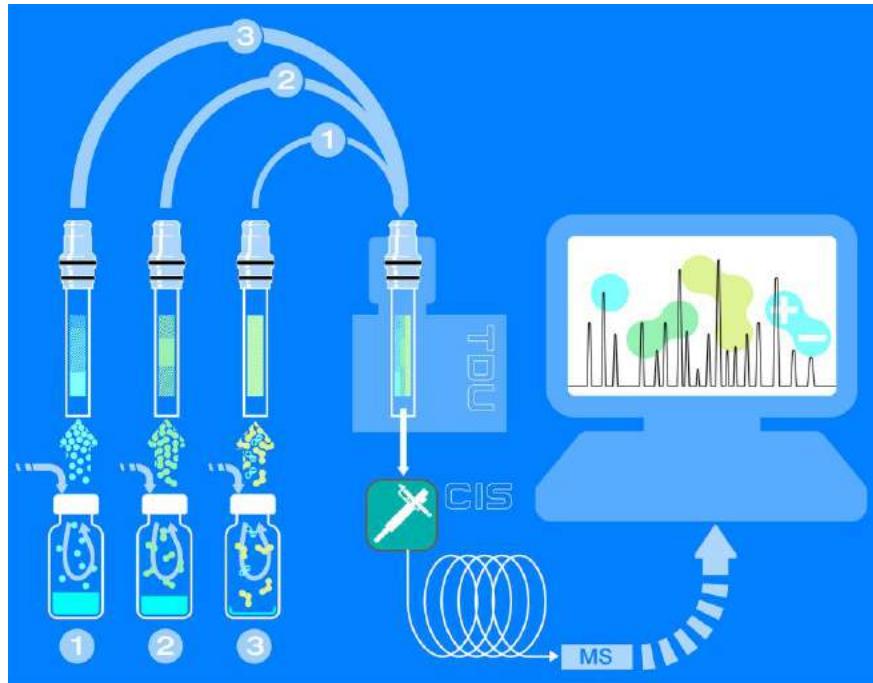
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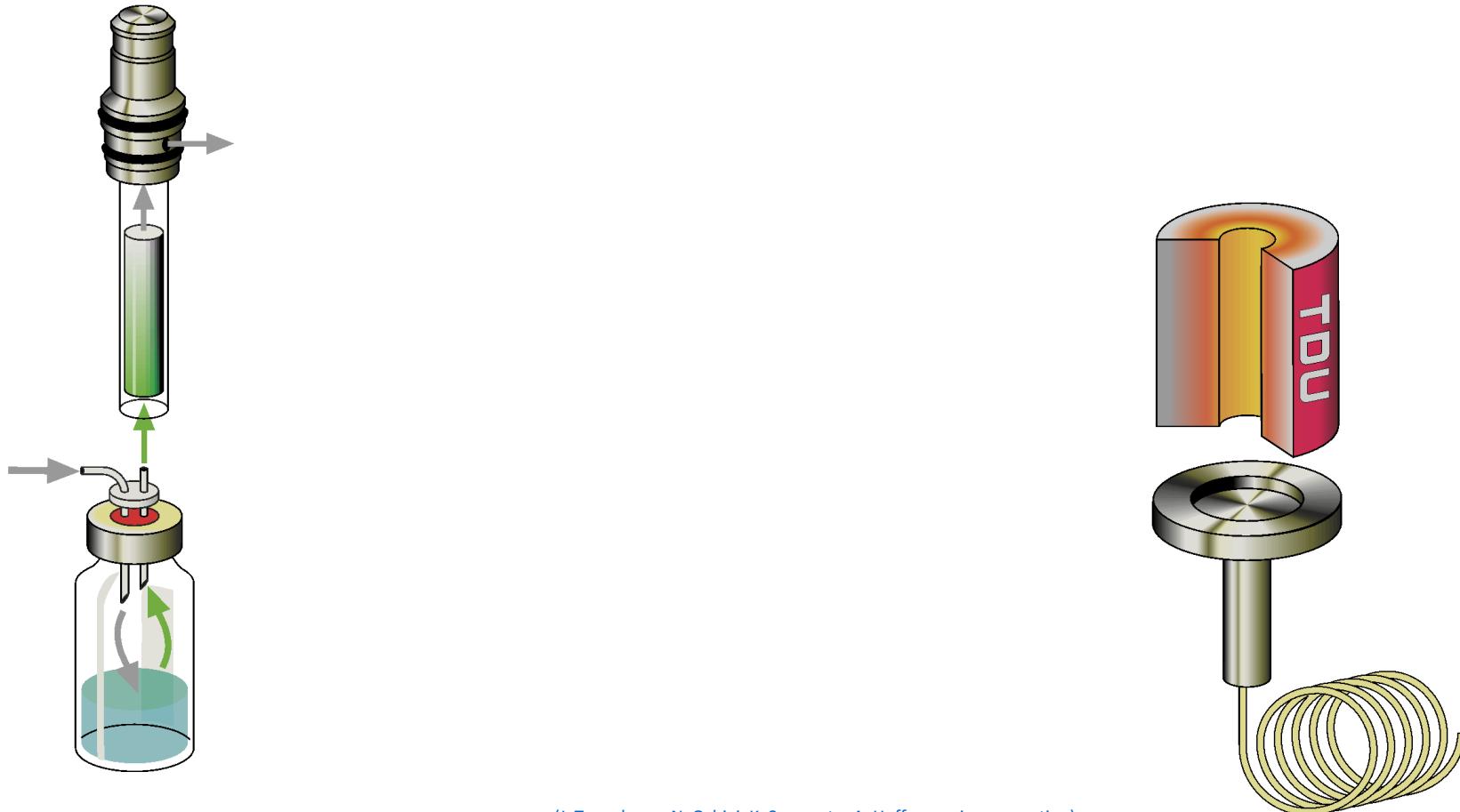
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# Sequential Dynamic Headspace Sampling Multi-Volatile Method (MVM)



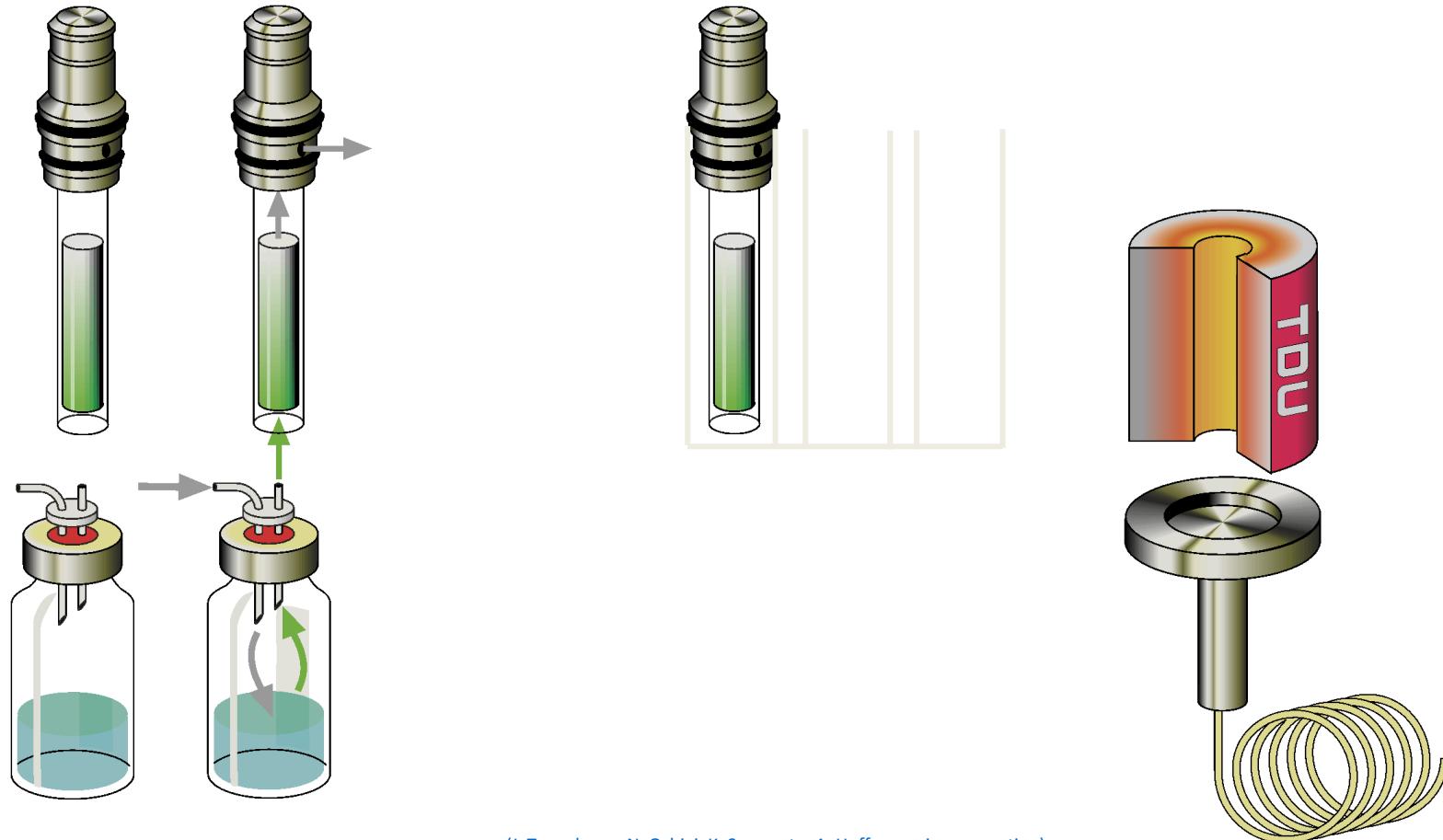
# Dynamic Headspace

## Method 1: Very Volatile Analytes



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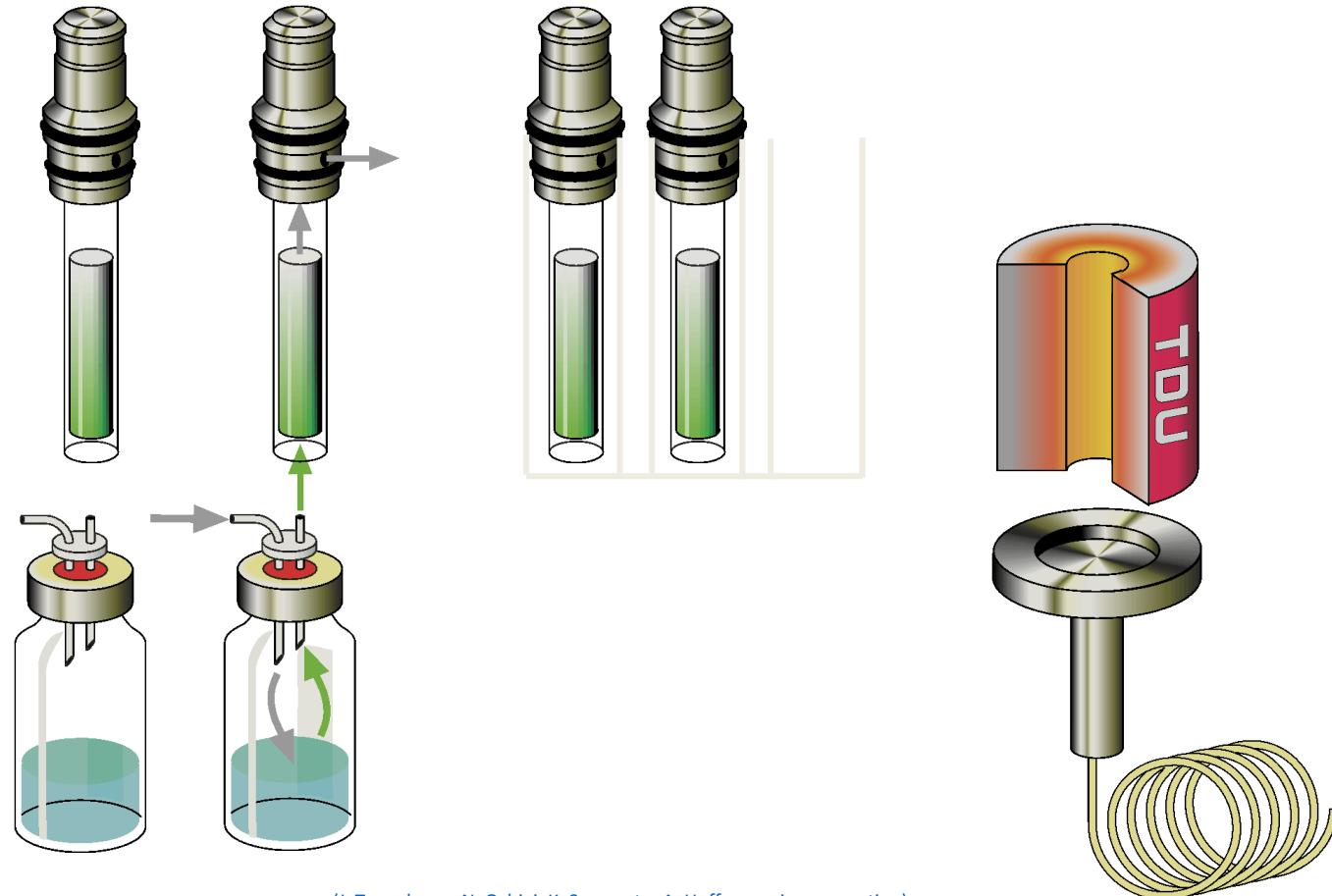
# Dynamic Headspace Method 2: Vortex Vessel Sampling of Volatile Analytes



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# Dynabeads headspace

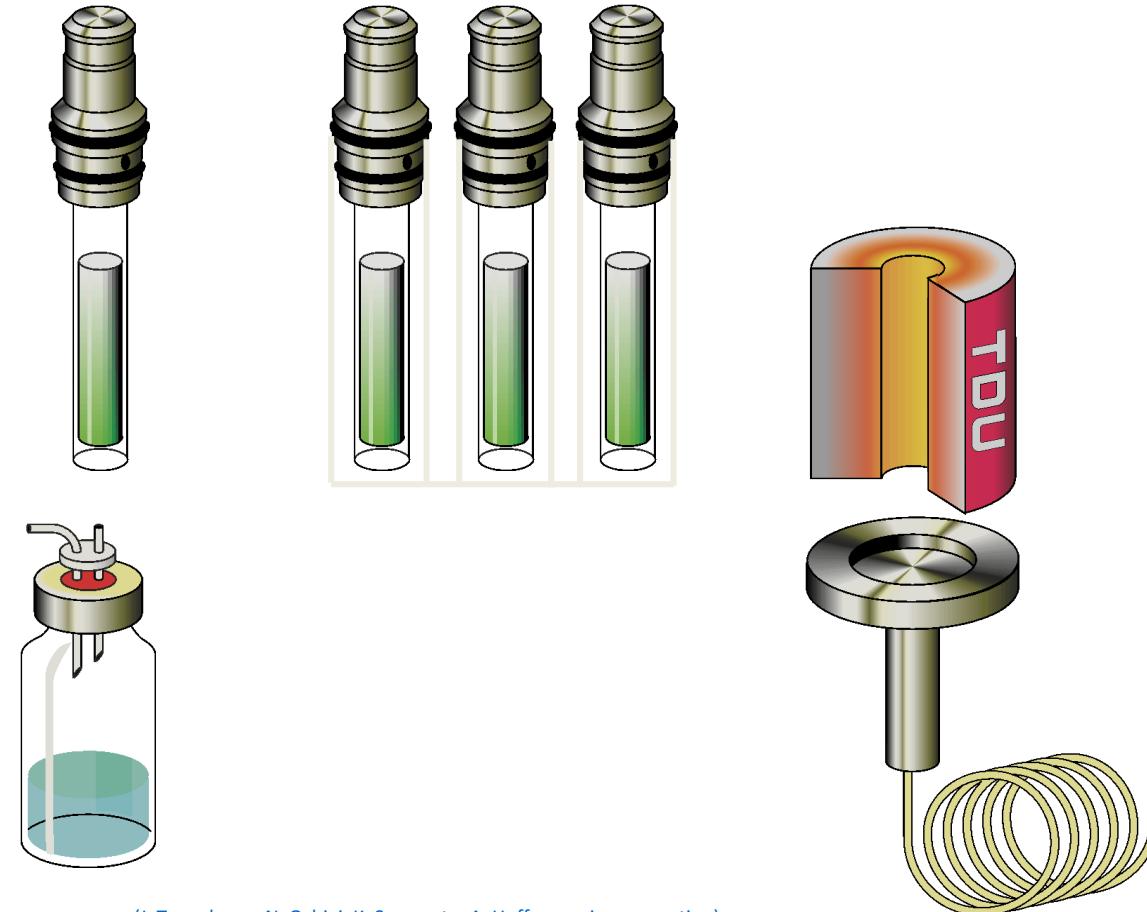
## Method development for volatile analytes



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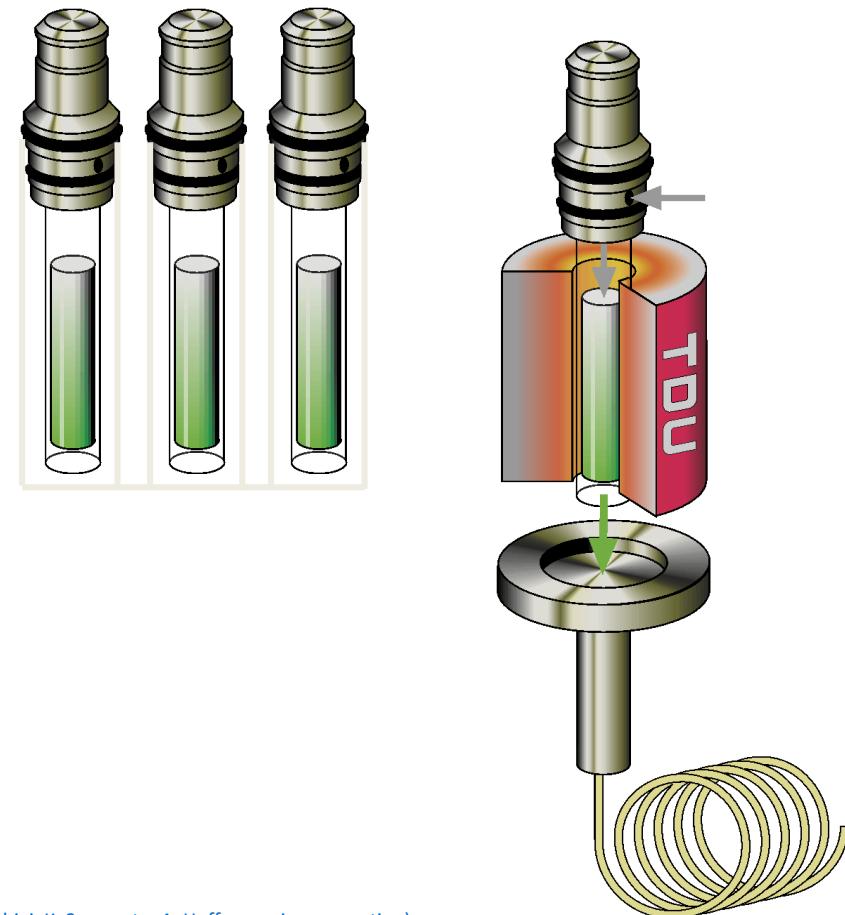
## Method 3: Volatile, non volatile and hydrophilic analytes



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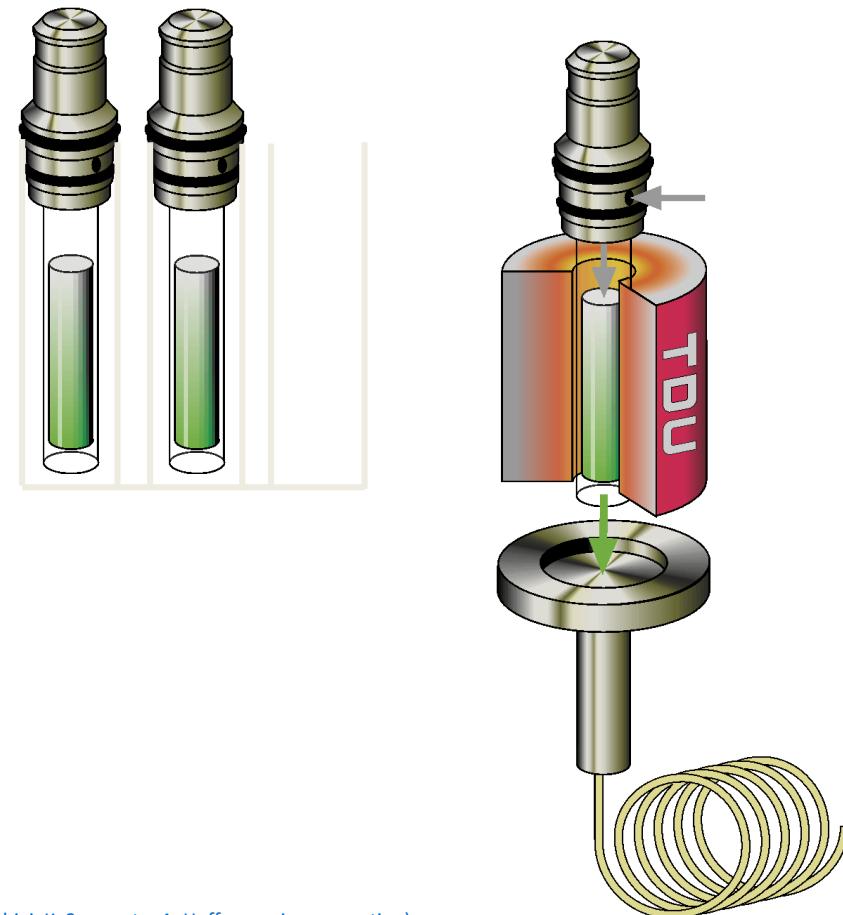
## Method 4: TDU Multi Desorption



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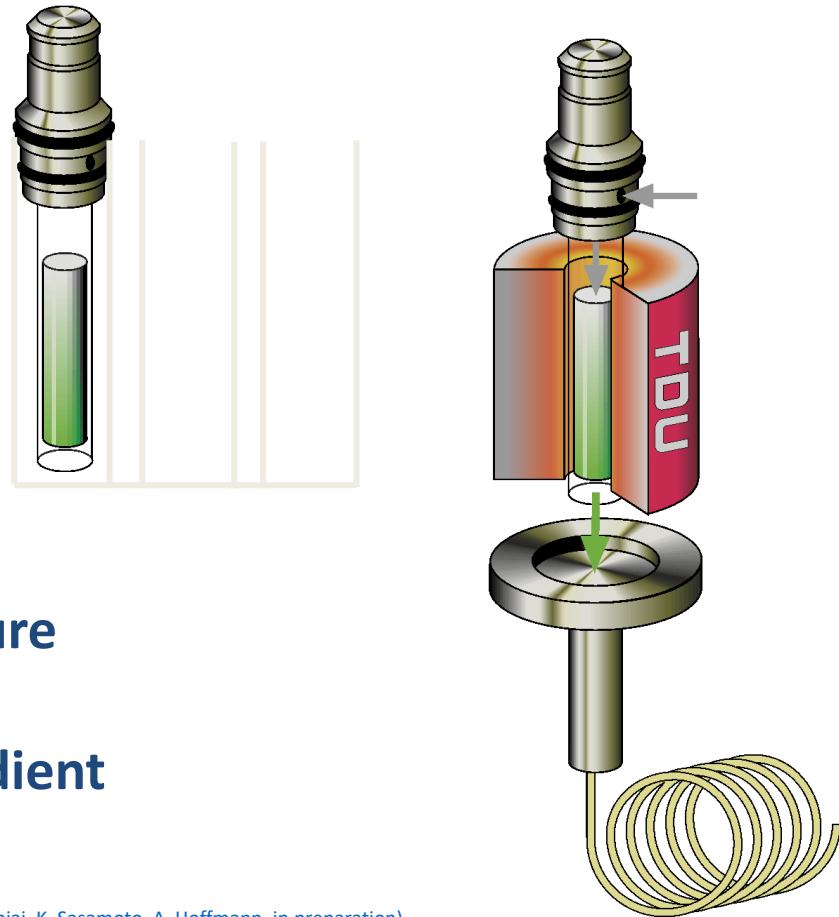
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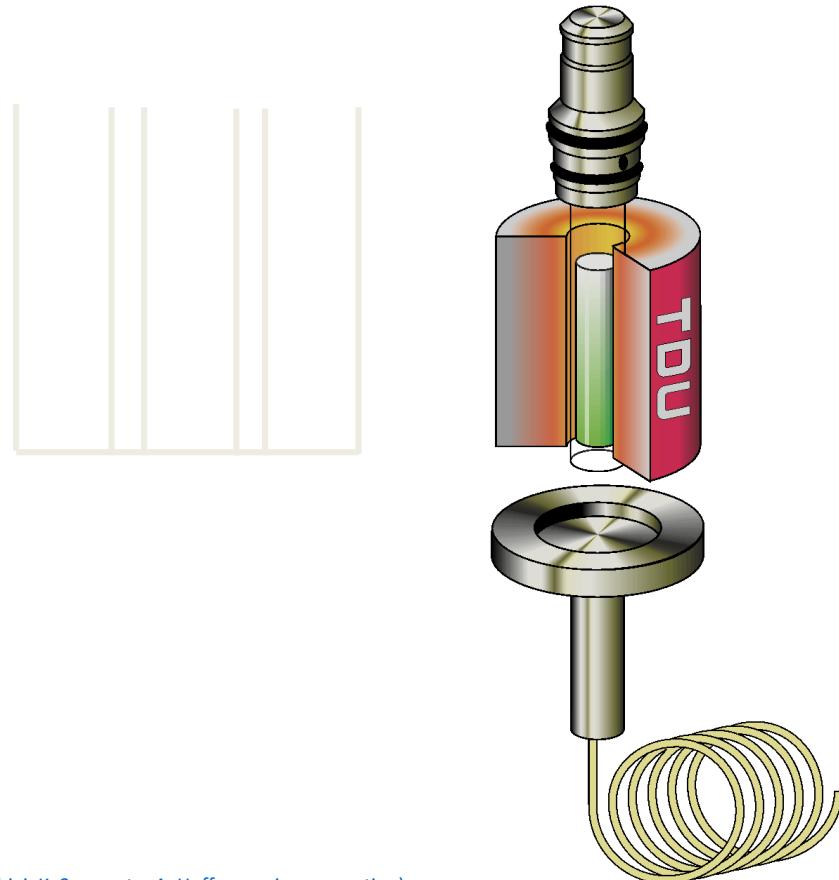
Different PTV initial temperature

Different TDU Desorption Gradient

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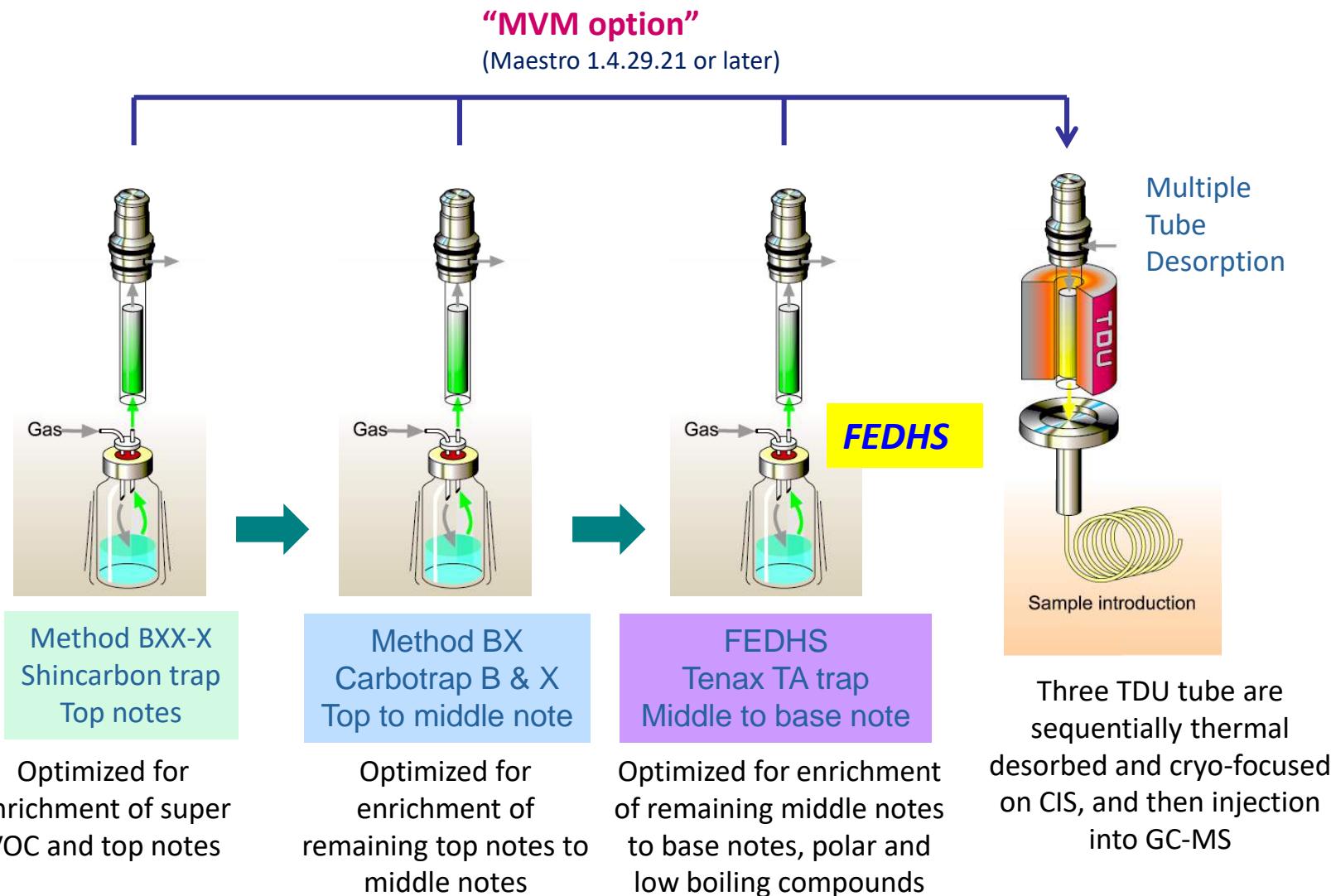
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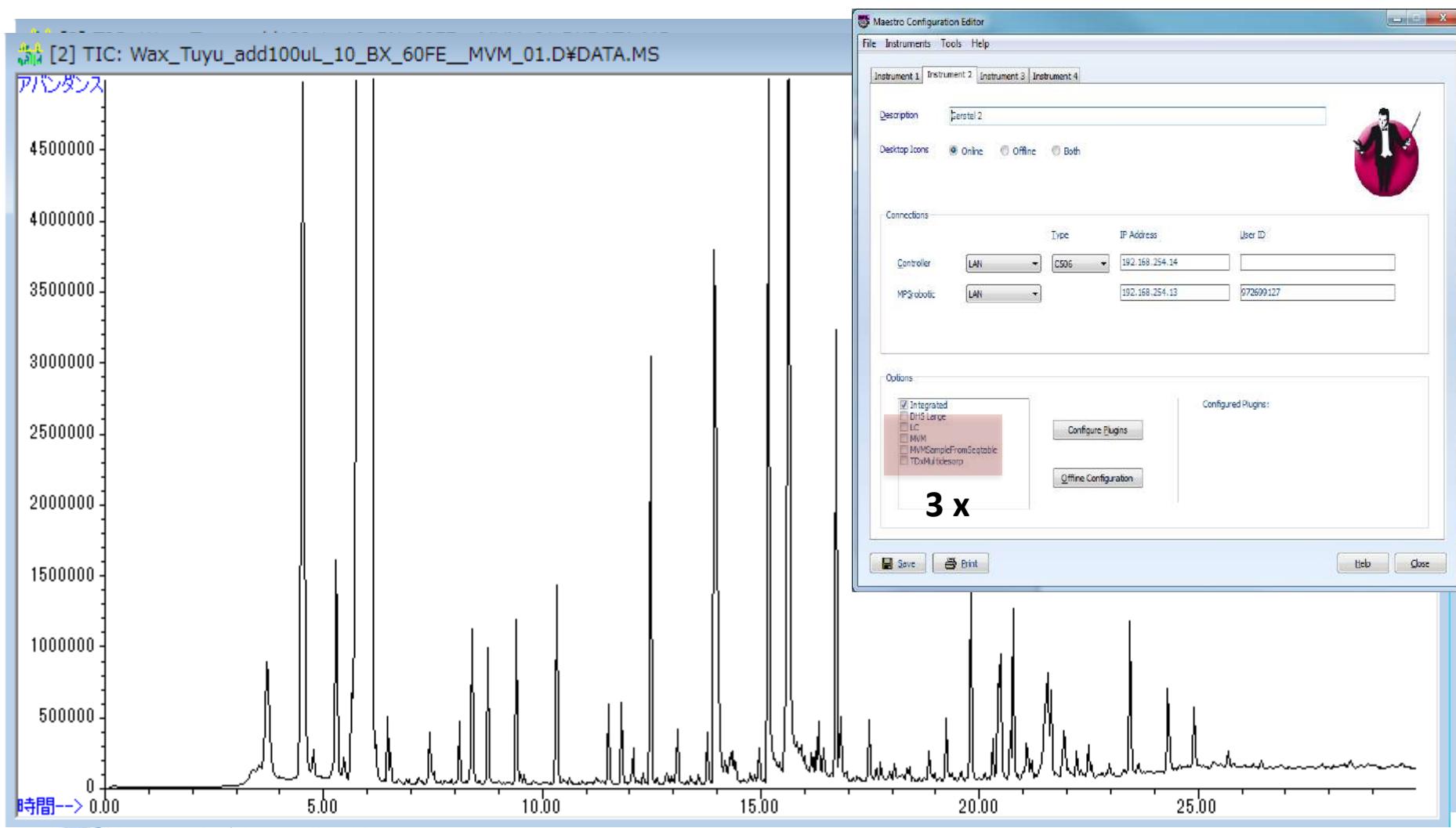
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# DHS-Multi-Volatile Method (DHS-MVM®)\*

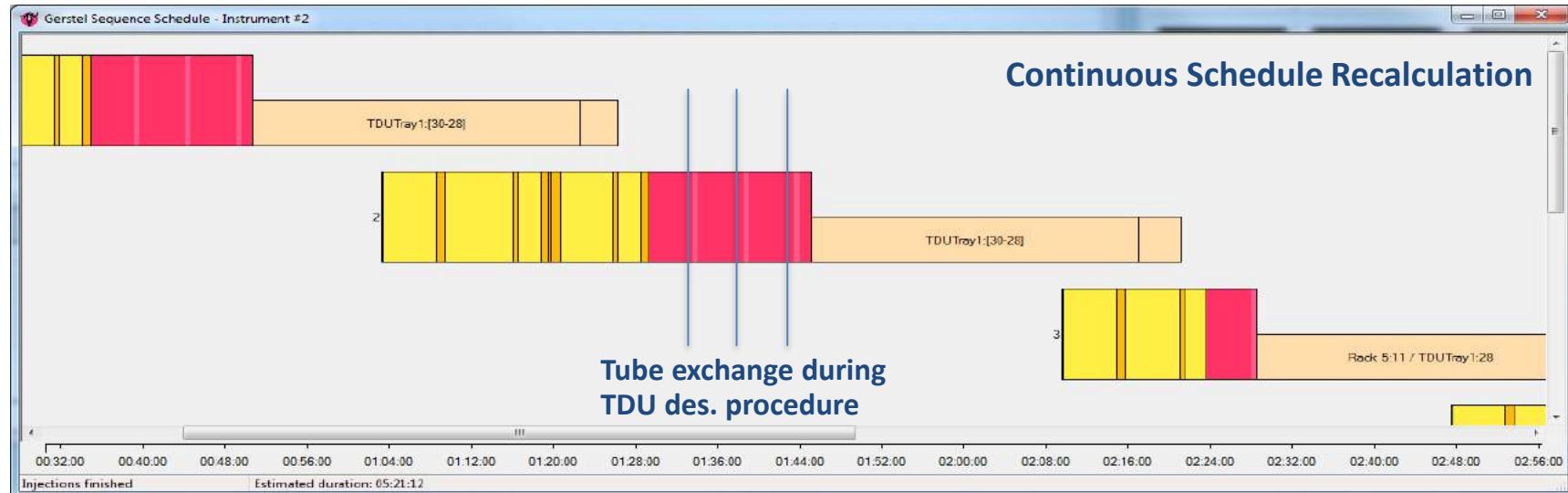
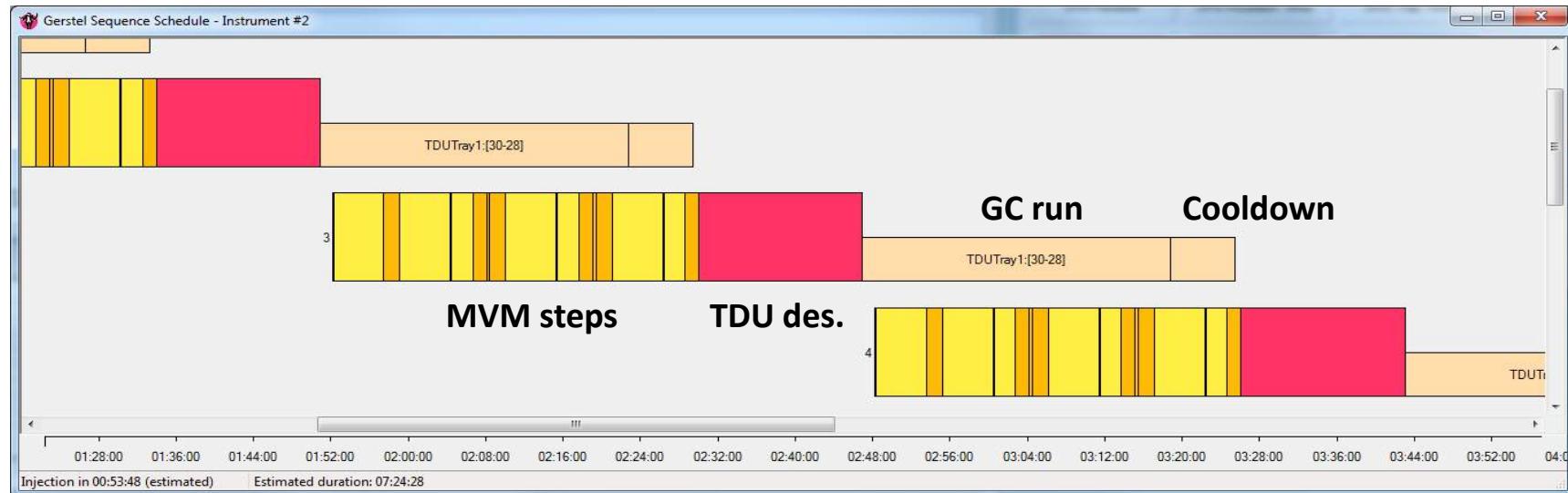


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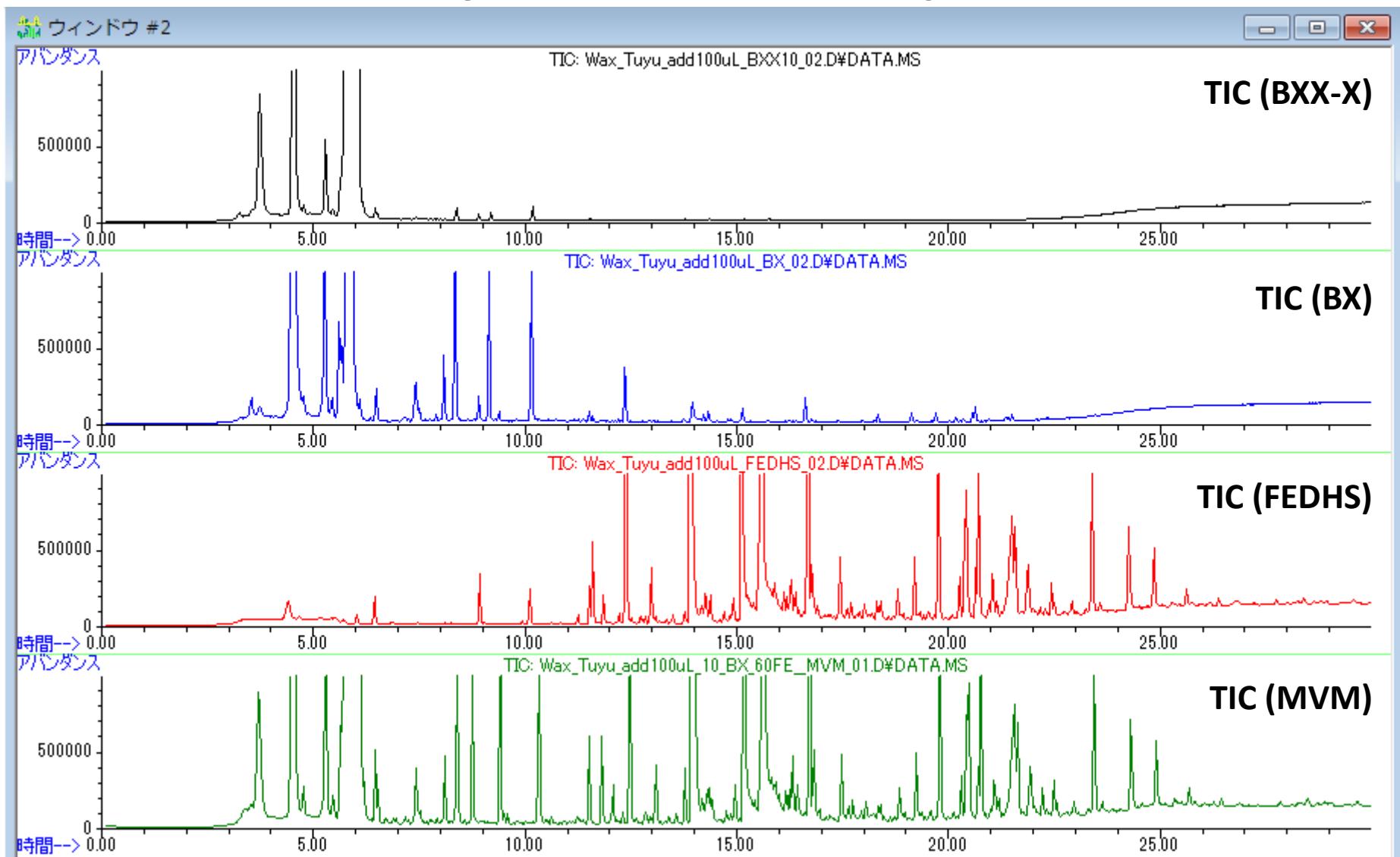
# Total ion chromatogram (TIC) of noodle soup stock by MVM



# Maestro Scheduler for MVM

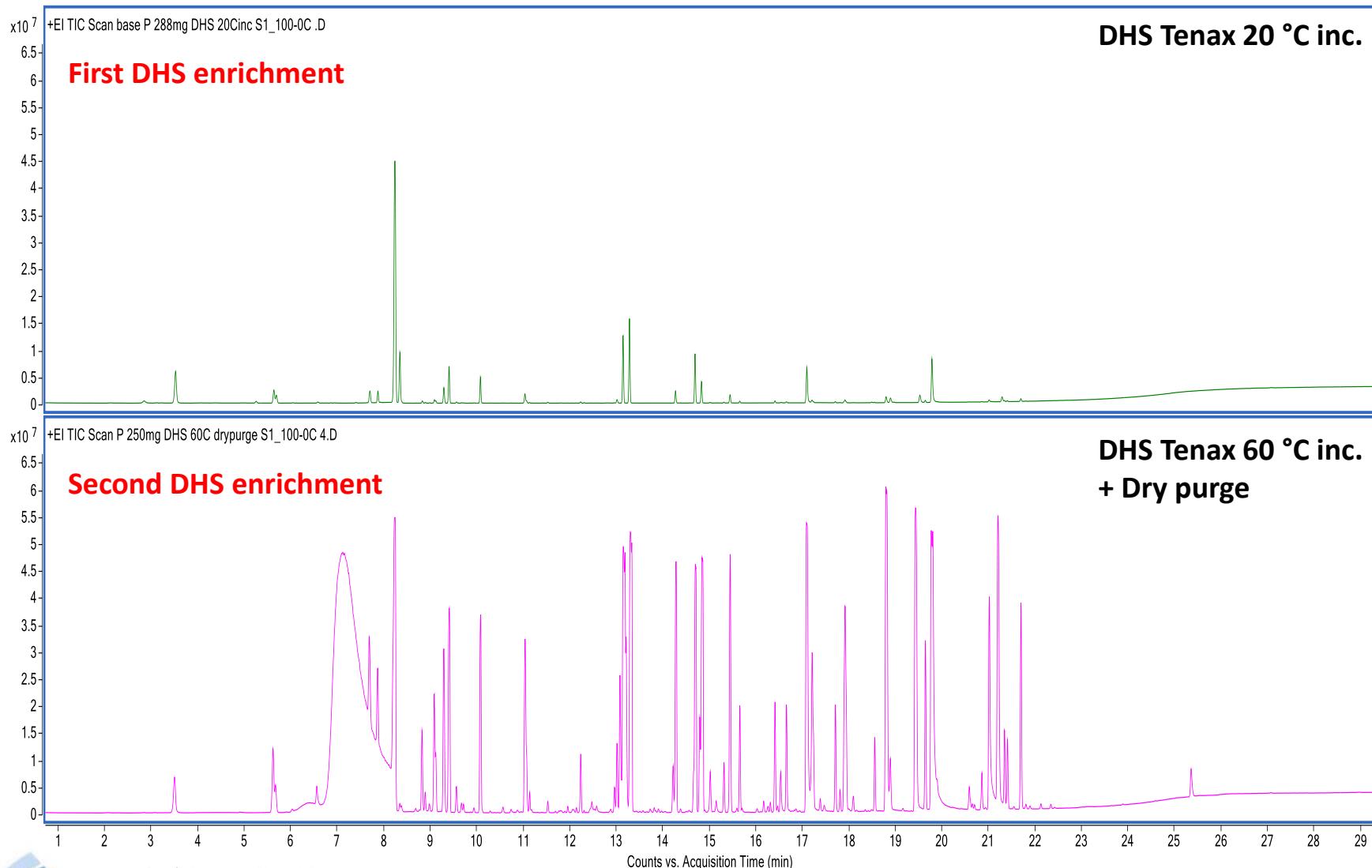


# Comparison of BXX-X, BX, FEDHS and MVM for analysis of noodle soup stock



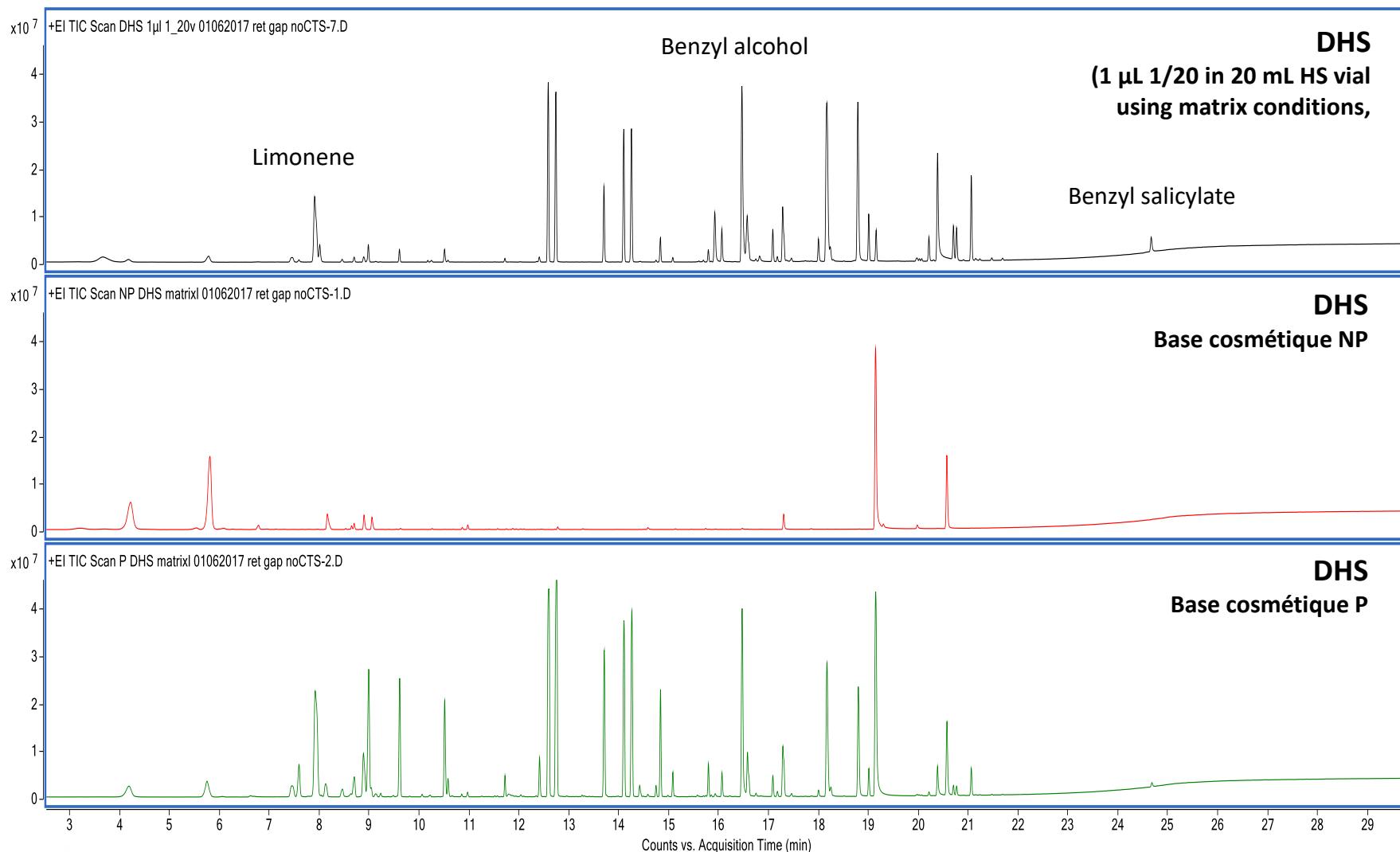
# Method development for MVM approach

Cosmetic base → perfume added



# DHS TDU

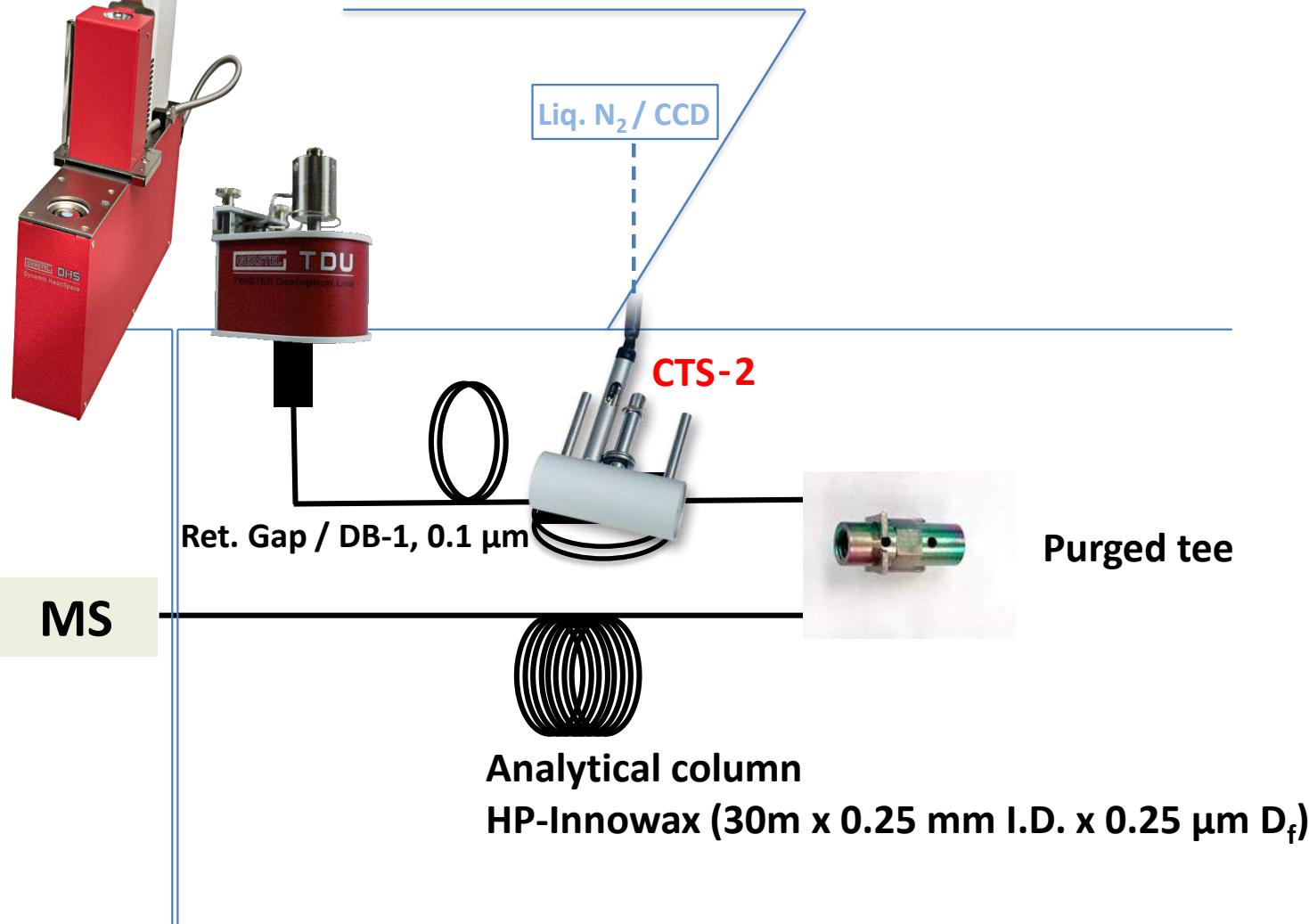
## 200 mg matrix (cosmetic base material) in 20 mL HS vial



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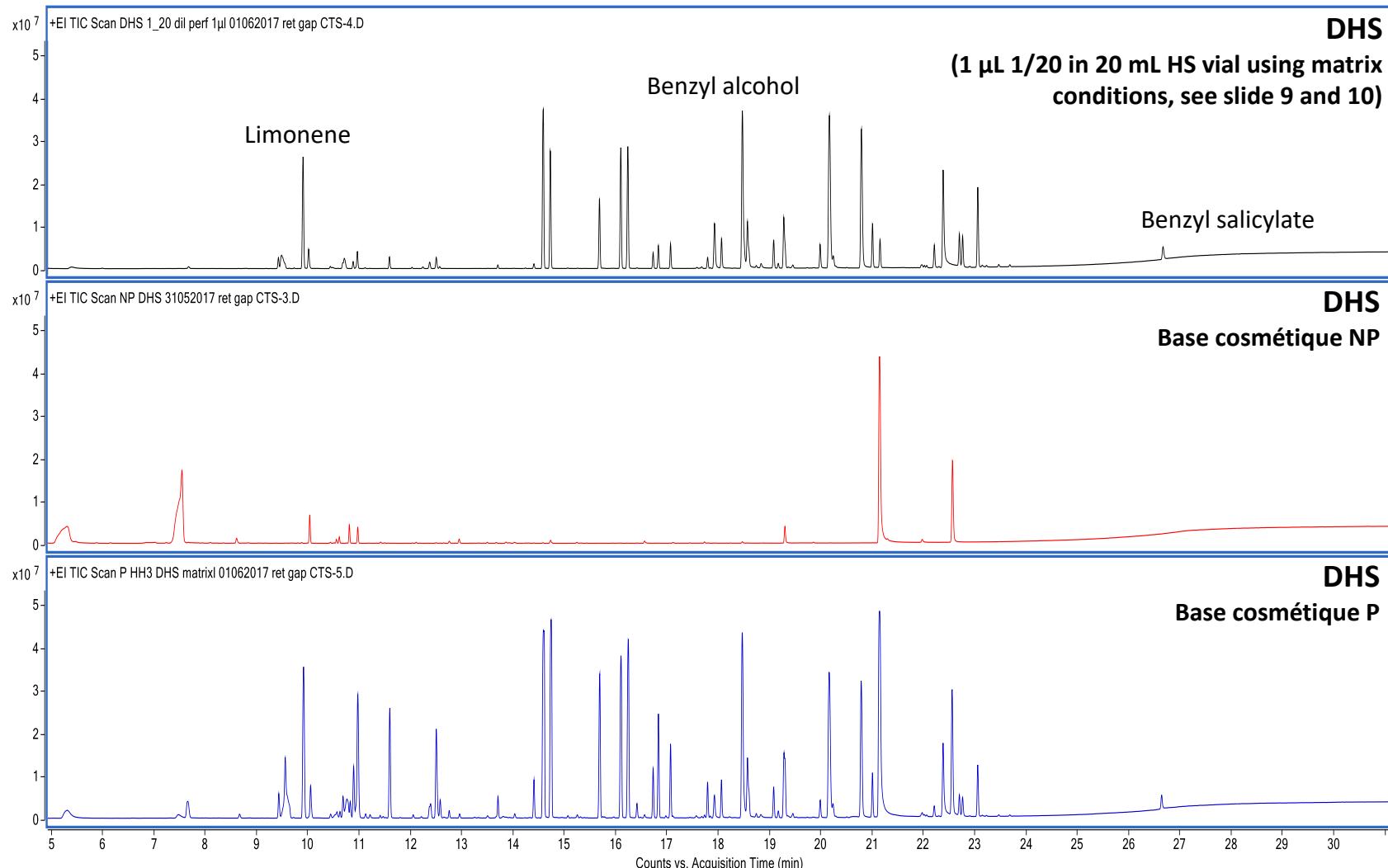
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# DHS – GC – MS configuration



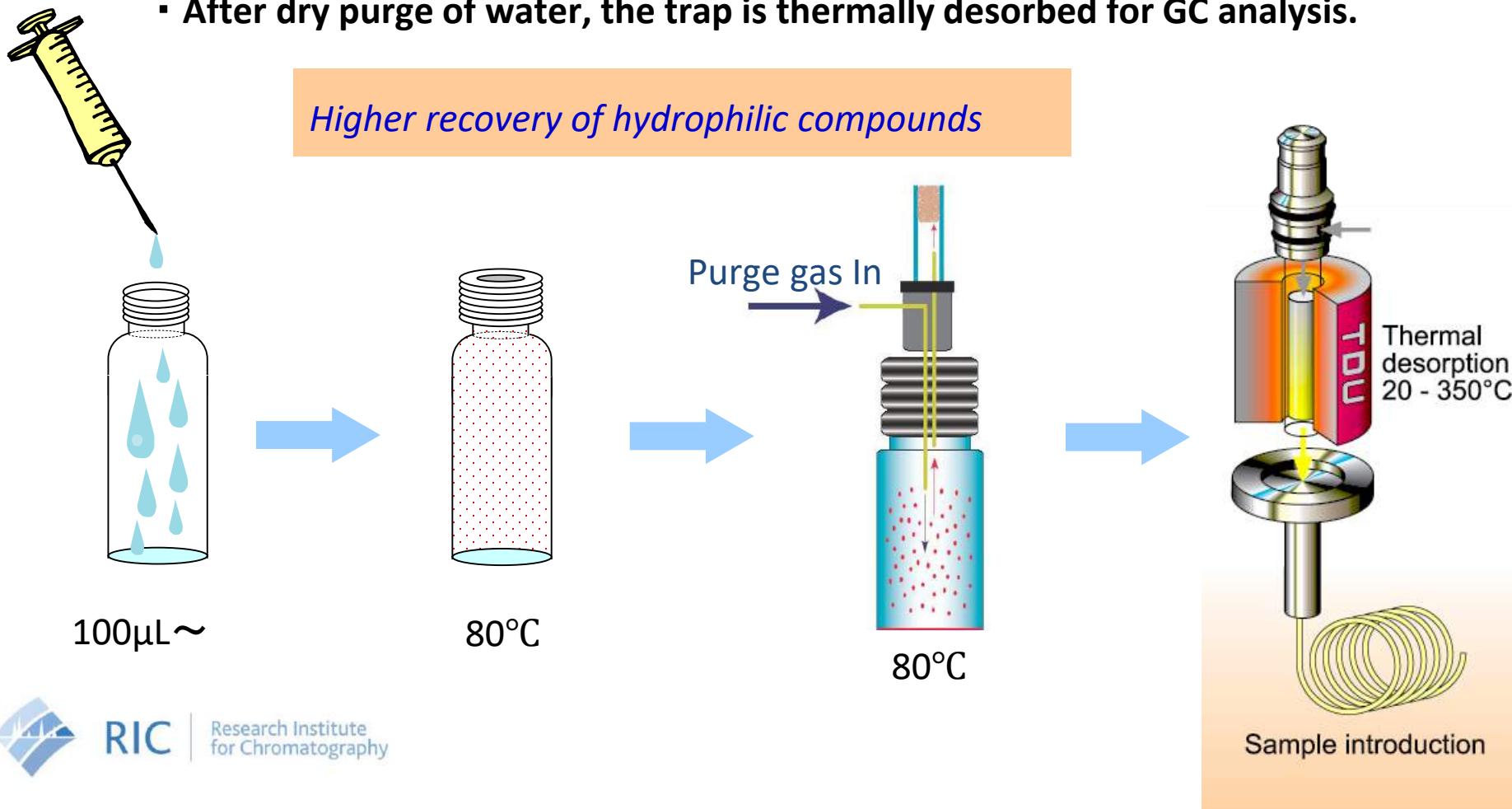
# DHS TDU CTS2

## 200 mg matrix (base cosmétique) in 20 mL HS vial



# Full evaporation dynamic headspace (FEDHS)

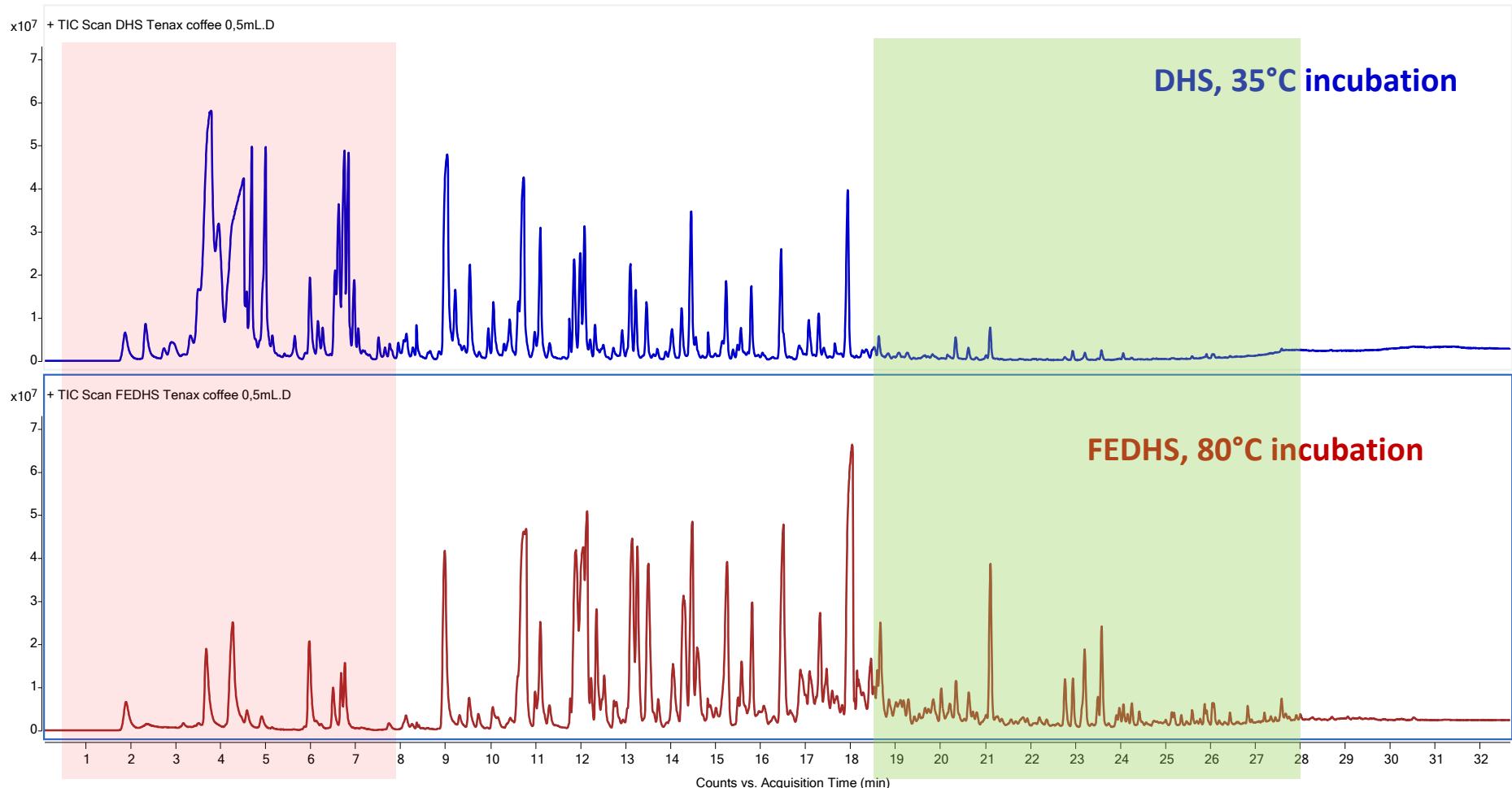
- 100 µL of aqueous sample is dispensed into a HS vial and purged with inert gas at an elevated temperature (80°C) using DHS.
- Volatile and semi-volatile analytes are transferred into the trap (Tenax).
- After dry purge of water, the trap is thermally desorbed for GC analysis.



# FEDHS method parameters

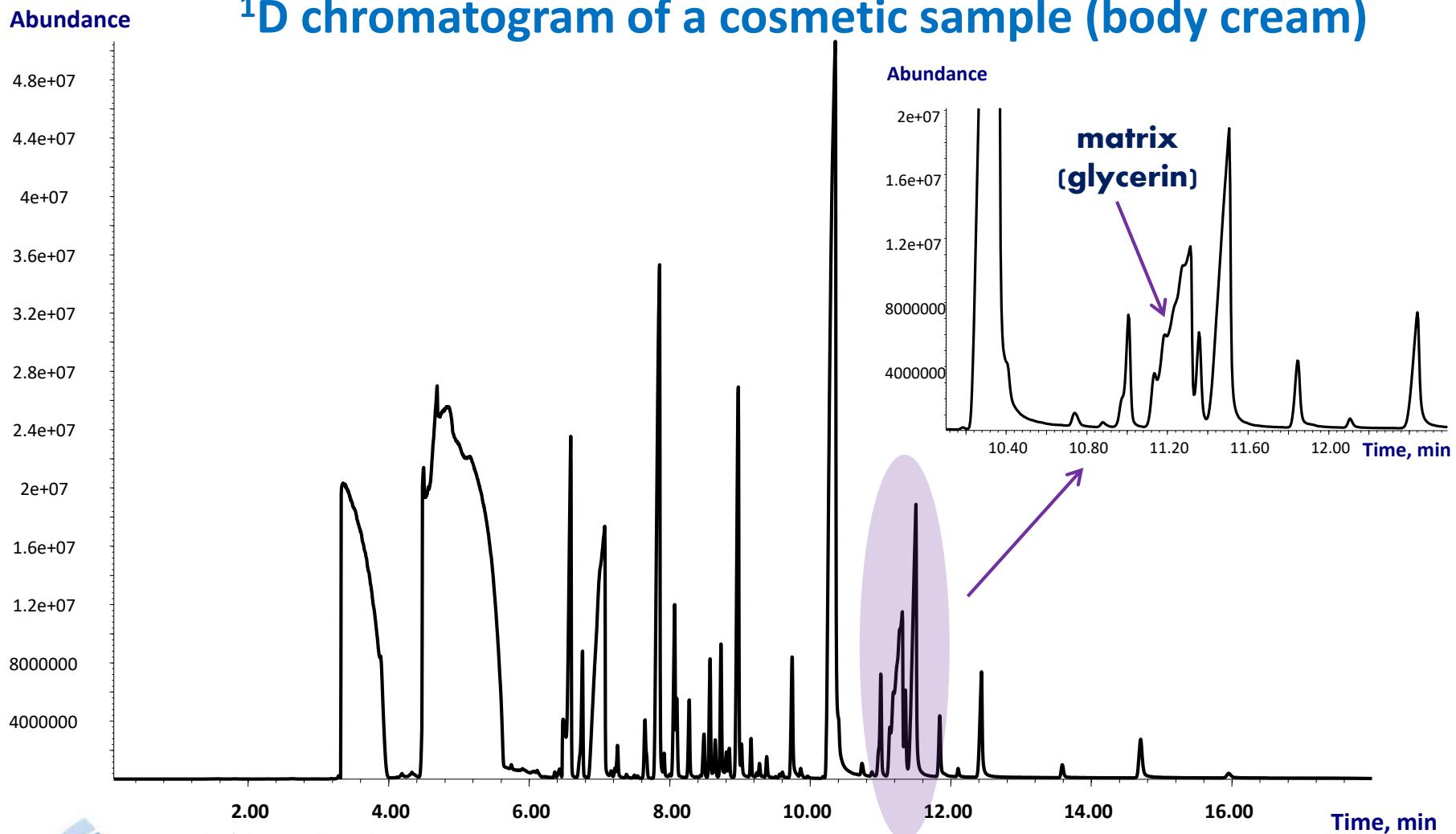
- *FEDHS conditions*
  - *Sample volume: 50 µL – 100 µL*
  - *Trap: Tenax*
  - *Trap temperature: 40°C*
  - *Incubation temperature: 80°C*
  - *Purge: 2500 mL @ 100 mL/min → dry purge 500 mL @ 100 mL/min*
- *TDU/CIS conditions*
  - *TDU: 30°C, 60°C/min to 270°C (5 min)*
  - *Transfer temperature: 280°C (splitless)*
  - *CIS: -100°C, 12°C/sec to 280°C (7 min) using a Tenax liner*

# Classical DHS vs FEDHS - GC-MS of coffee



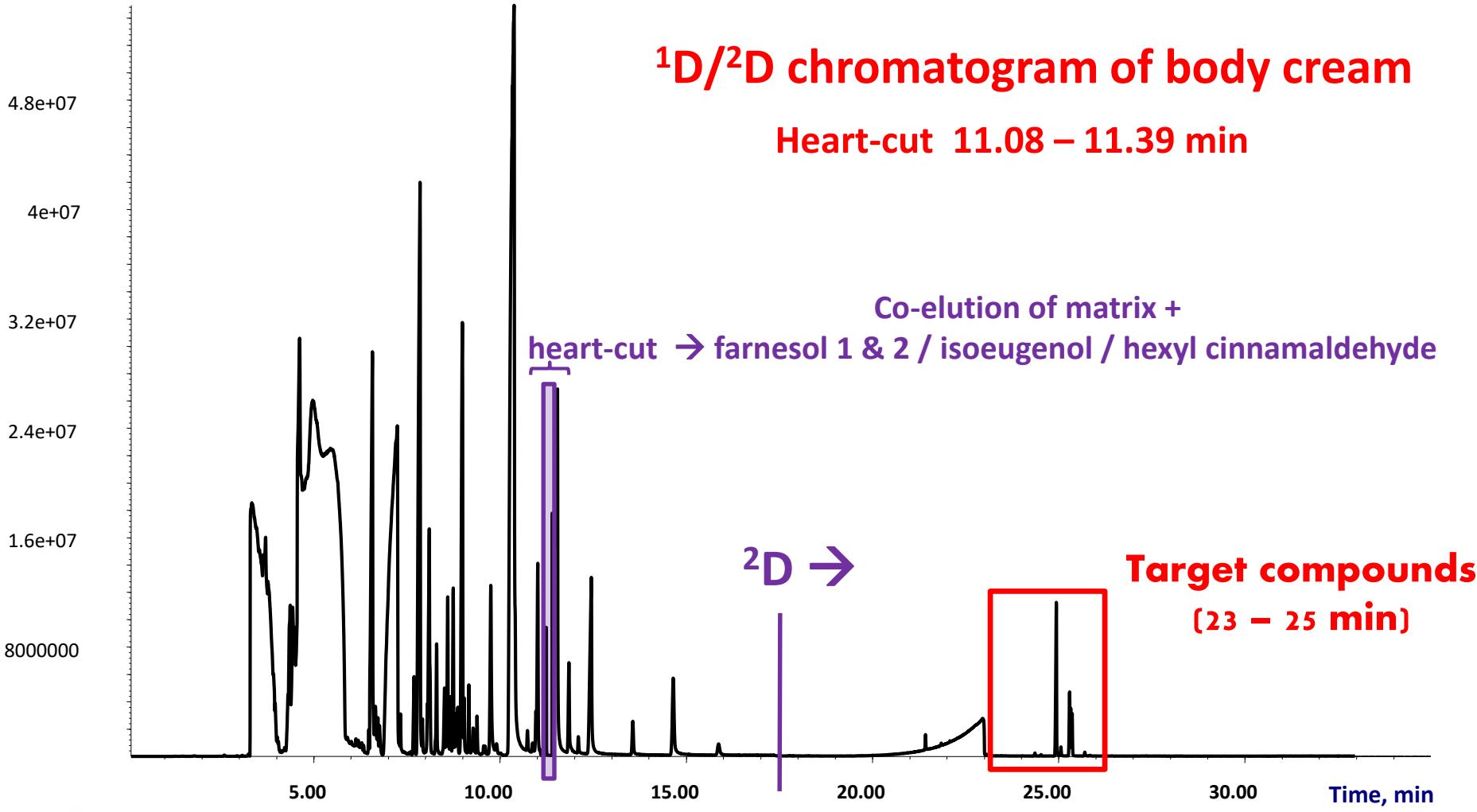
# Selectable $^1\text{D}/^2\text{D}$ analysis of allergens in cosmetics in combination with FEDHS

$^1\text{D}$  chromatogram of a cosmetic sample (body cream)



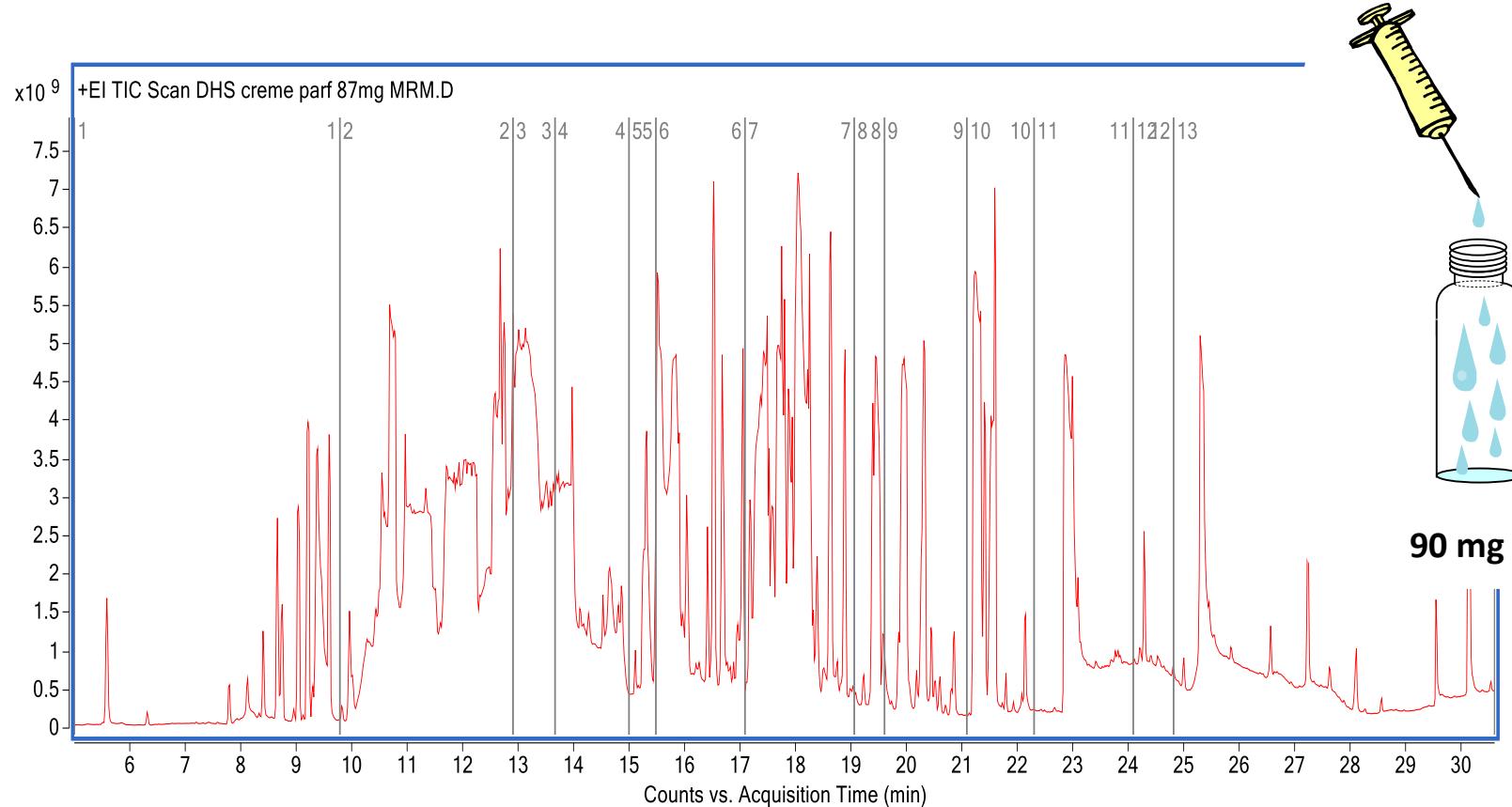
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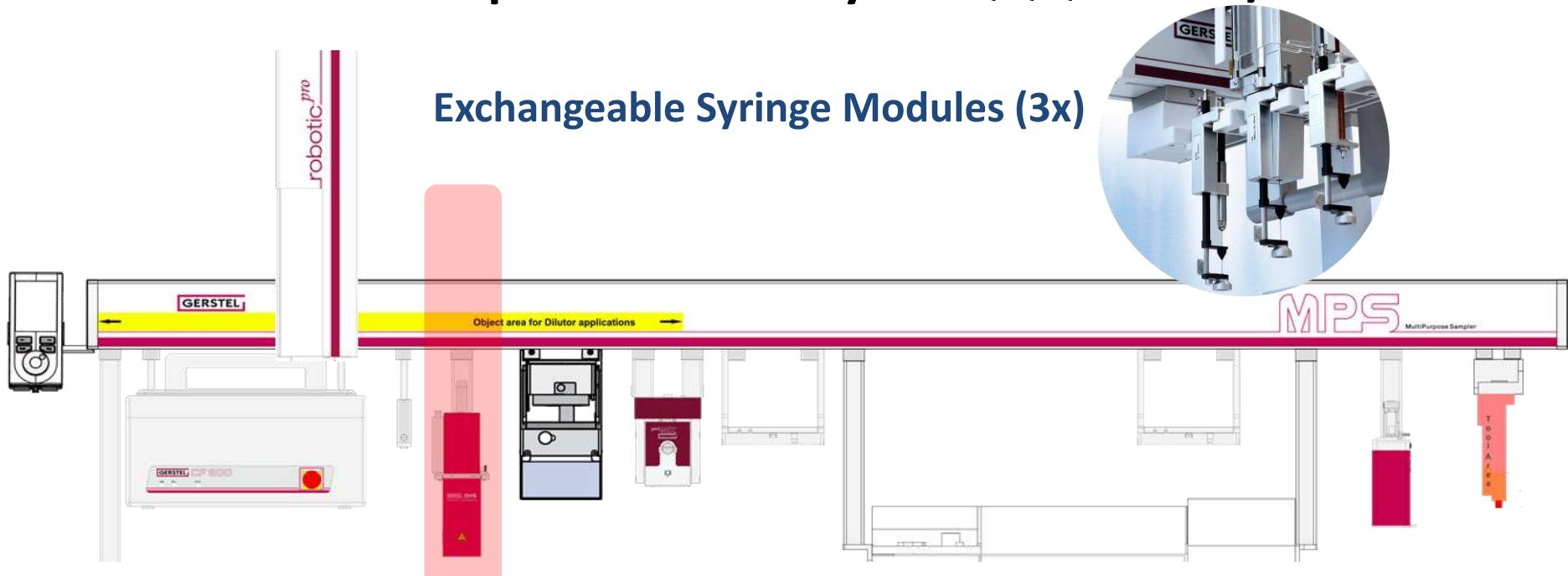


# Allergen profile Crème parfumée – Pure Sample/Matrix in DHS

*FEDHS at 80 C (3000 mL purge volume) – 90 mg sample in 20 ml vial  
Scan chromatogram – Overloaded (Matrix components)!*



# Further DHS automation: Extraction of allergen compounds from cosmetic samples followed by GC QQQ in Scan/MRM



## Automated Sample Preparation:

Add extraction solvent (**SFS-3** solvent station)

Extraction/Dilution (strong **Quickmix** agitation)

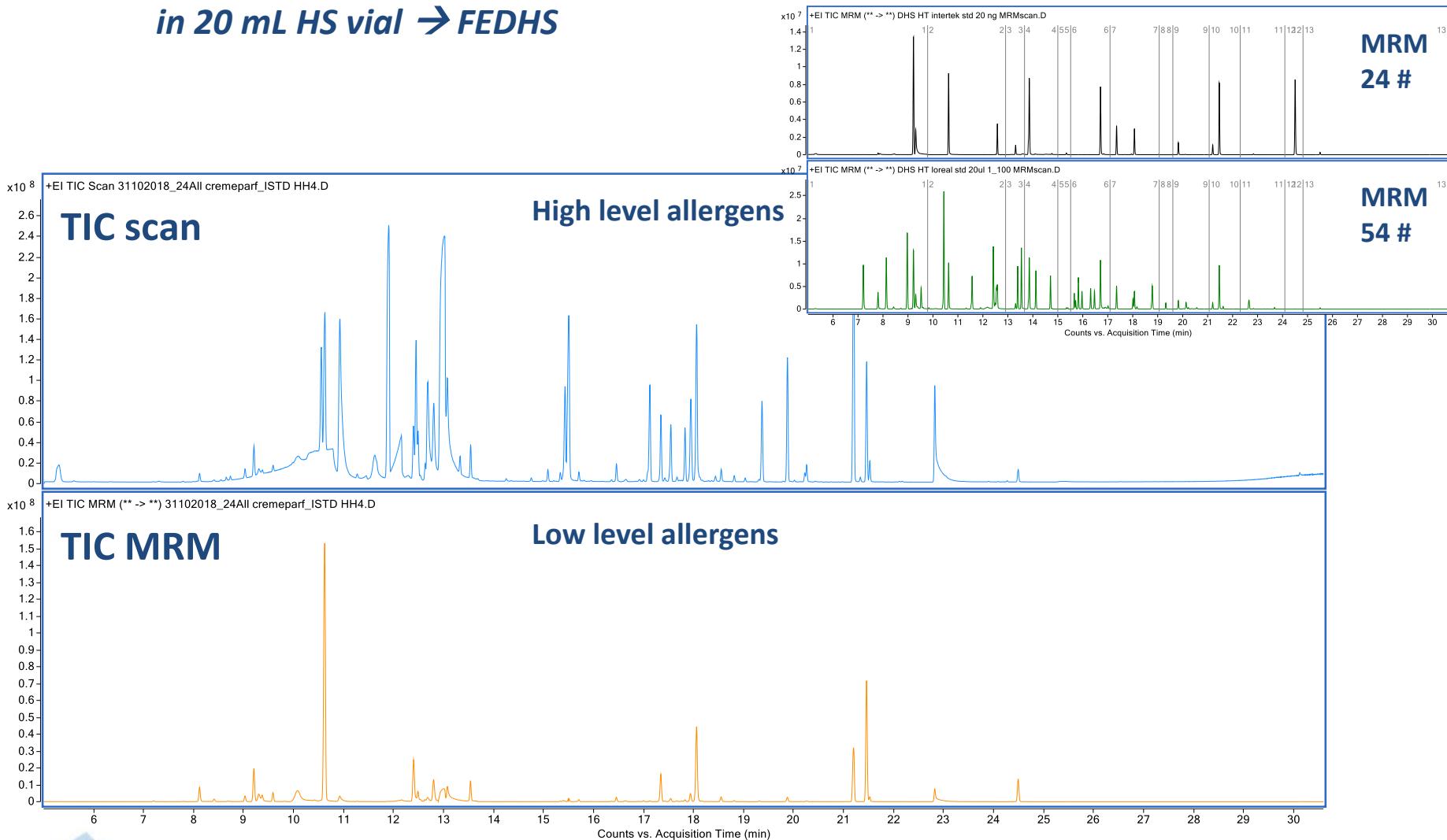
Centrifuge (**CF200**)

De-cap 20 ml HS vial / Transfer 20 µL / add ISTD / re-cap  
(**automated capper/re-capper**)

FEDHS enrichment – GC – QQQ (scan/MRM)

# Allergen profile Crème parfumée: scan/MRM

*Modified method: 100 mg sample / 1 mL acetone → 20 µL of extract  
in 20 mL HS vial → FEDHS*

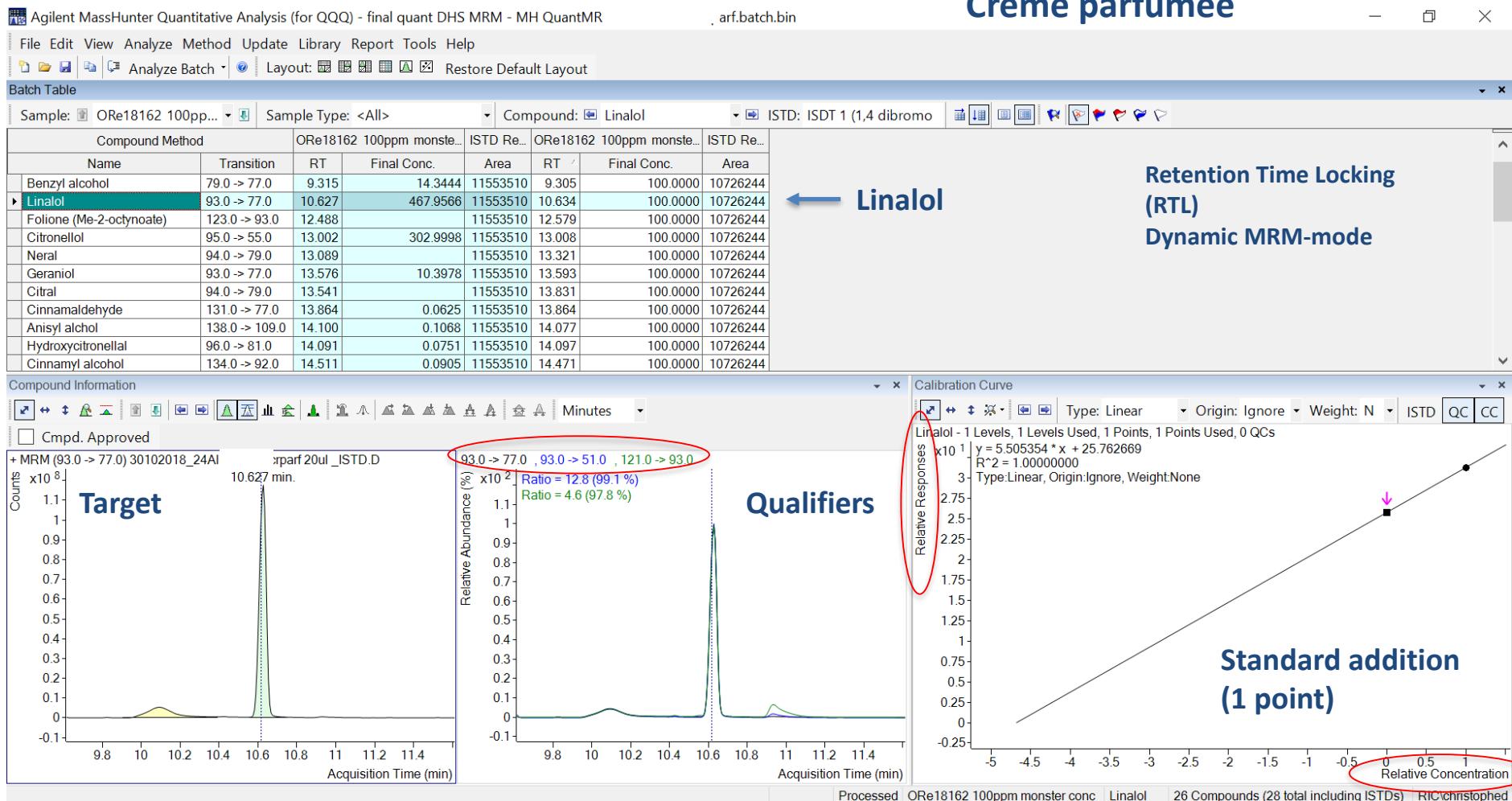


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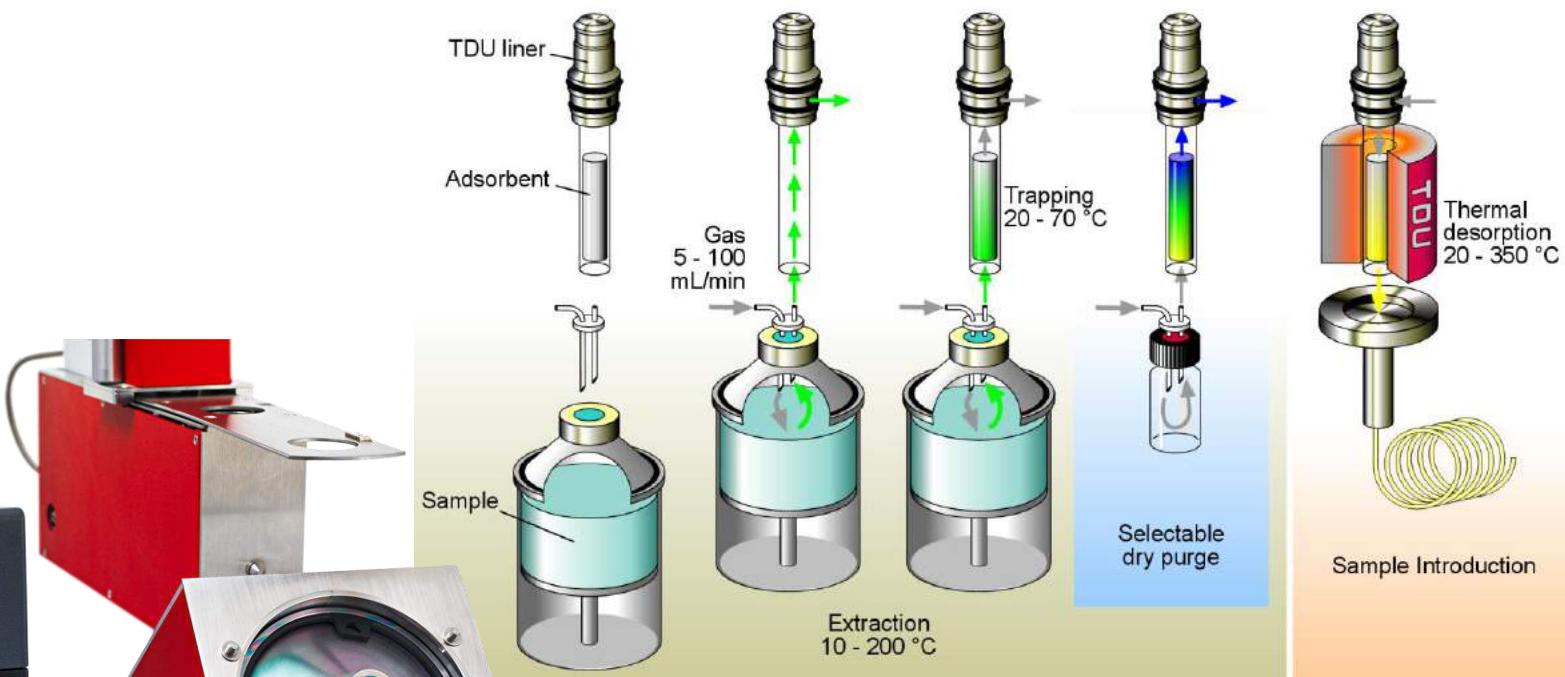
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# Allergen profile Crème parfumée: MH batch Quantification

Crème parfumée



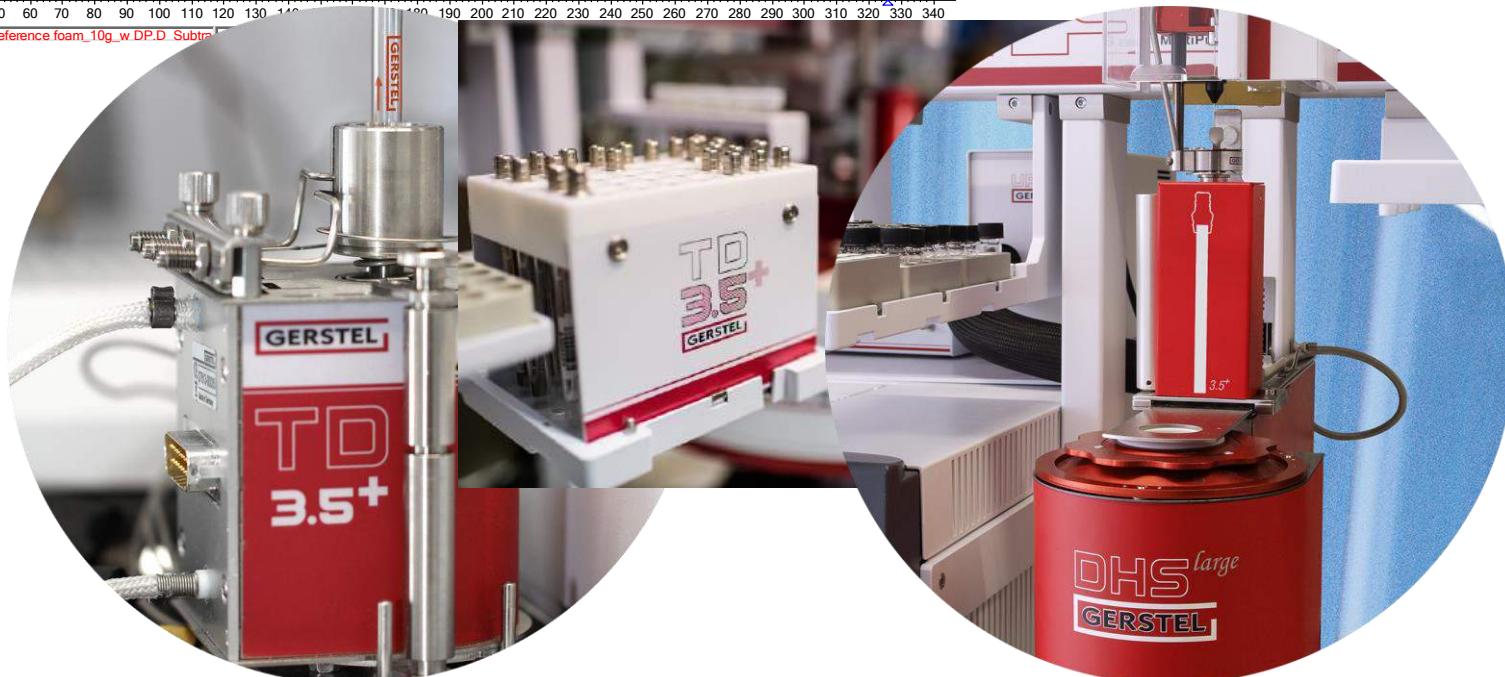
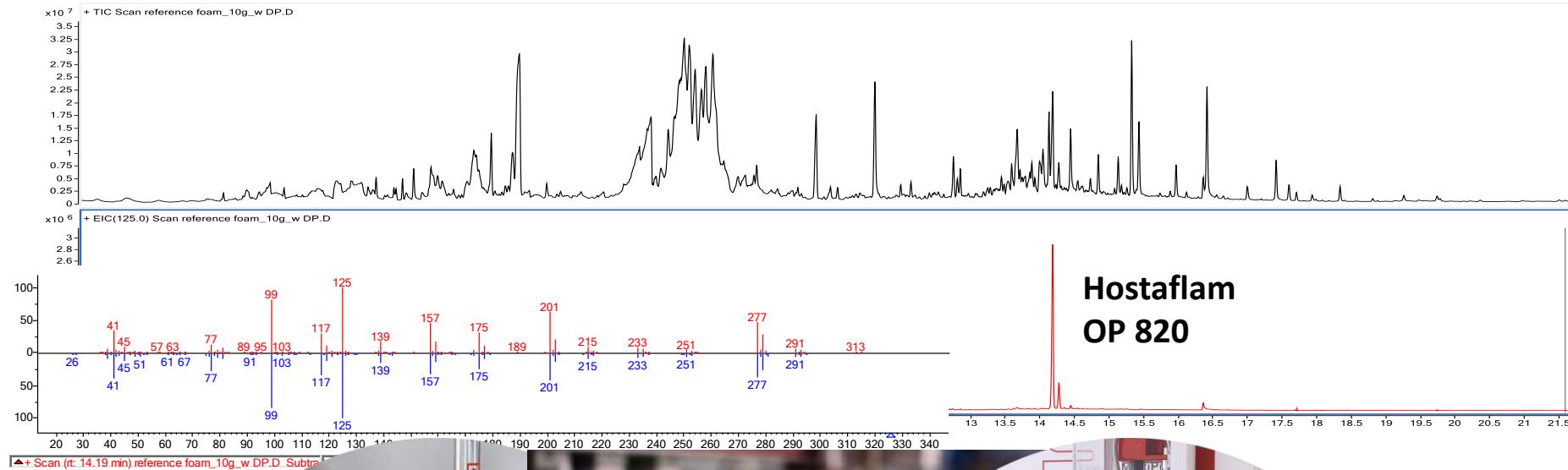
# DHS Large – More material – Material Emission



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# DHS 3.5+ – DHS / DHS Large – More Capacity / Homogeneity



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# Volatiles in chemical analysis:

1. Static headspace (SHS) – (CTS 2 refocusing)
2. **HS-SPME (headspace)**
3. Dynamic Headspace (DHS) – (CTS 2 refocusing)
4. Multi Volatile Method (MVM) - DHS
5. Full evaporation DHS (FEDHS)

FEDHS is the only DHS mode that has the potential to provide profiles identical to liquid injection.

6. Sample Prep Automation SE-DHS
7. DHS large and DHS for TD3.5+