

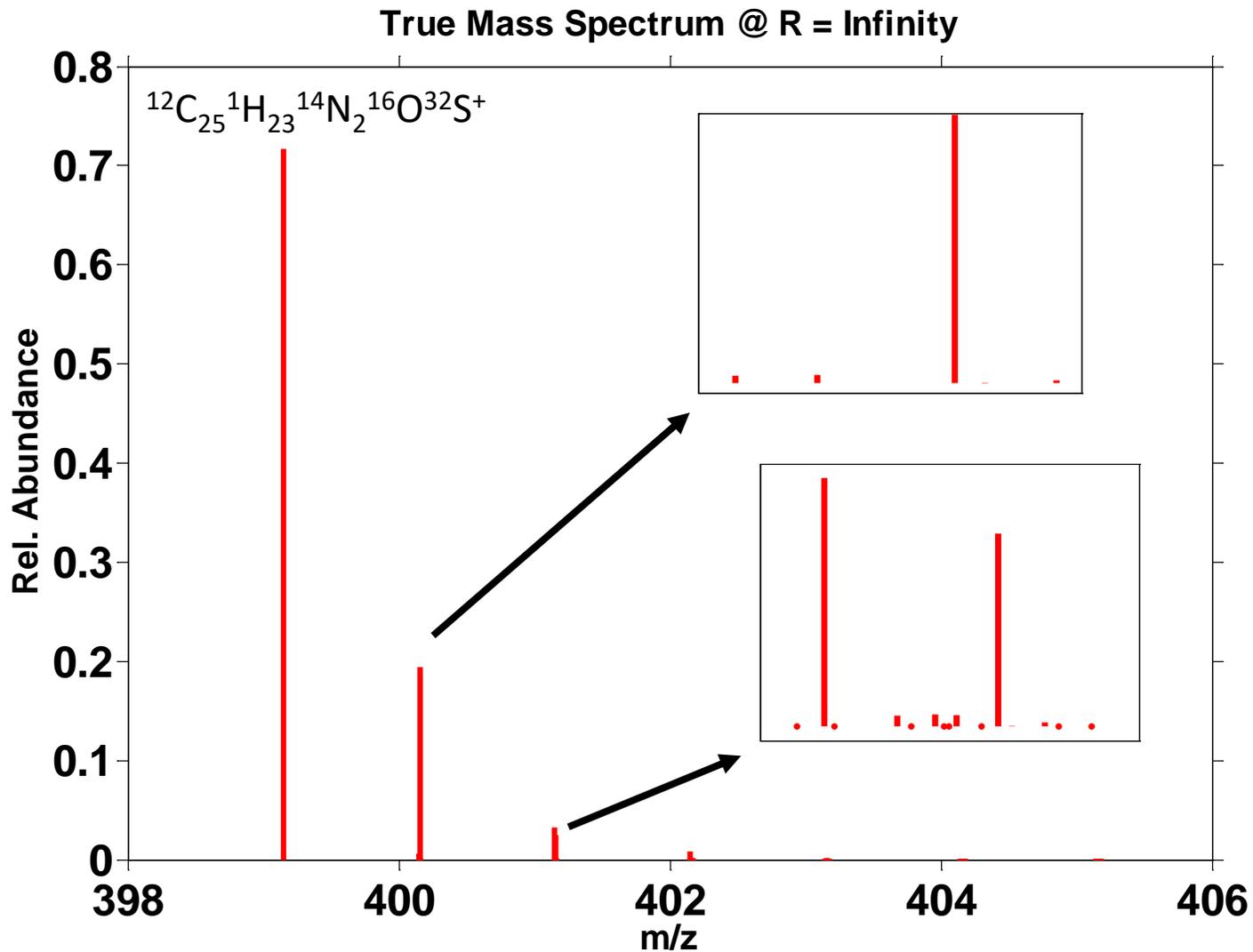
# Elemental Composition Determination of Unknown Organometallic Compounds with Mass Spectral Accuracy

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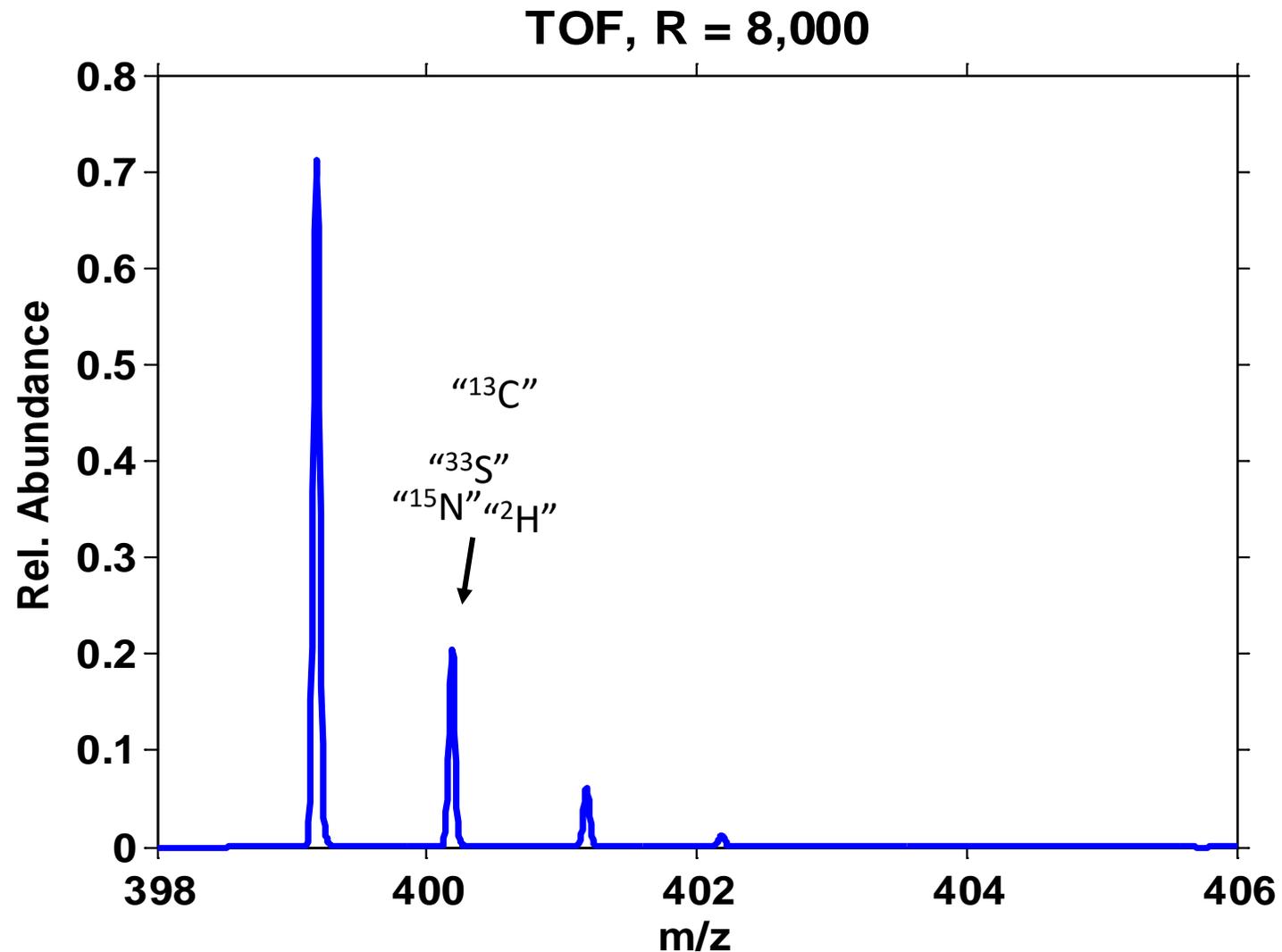
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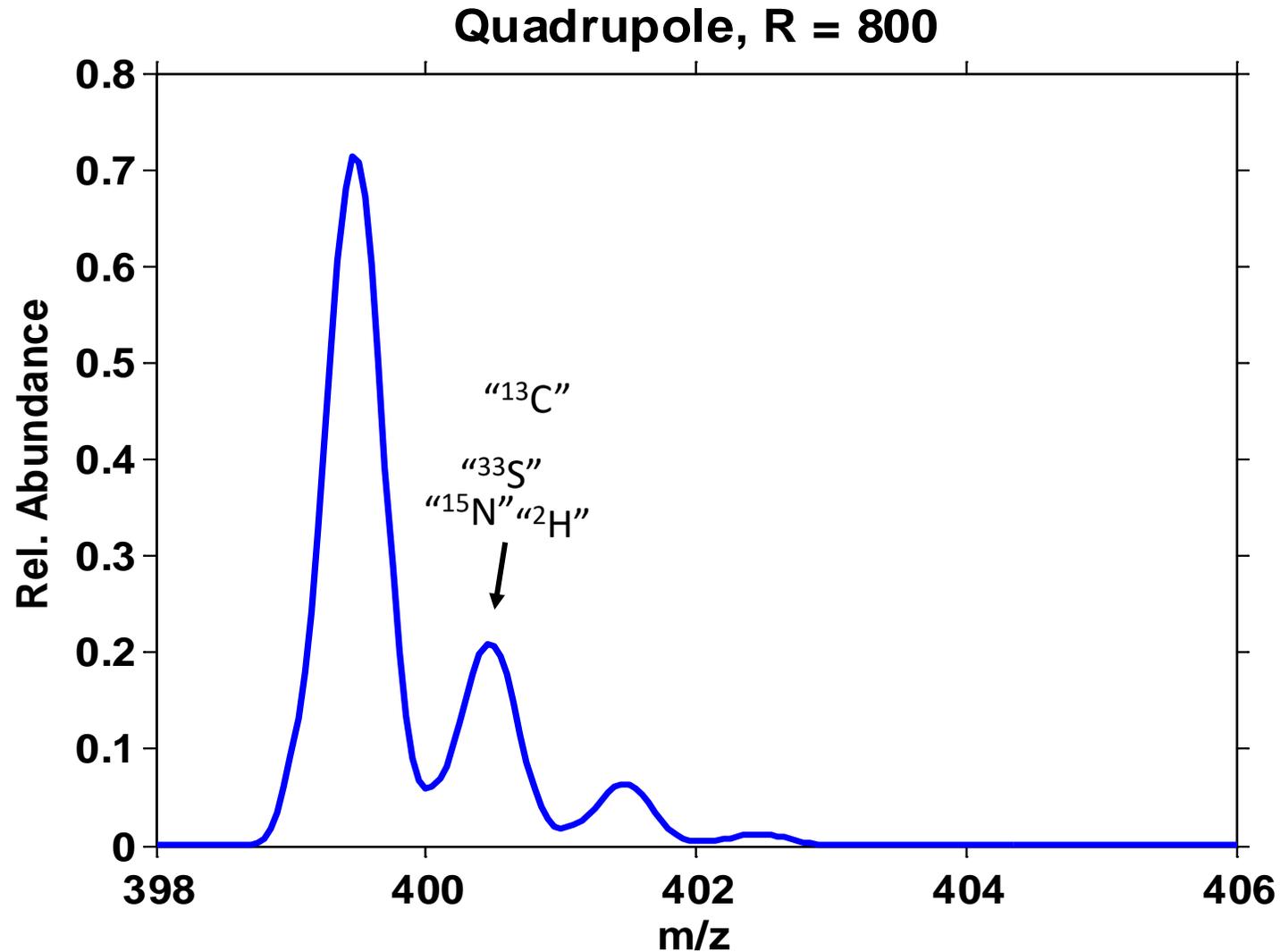
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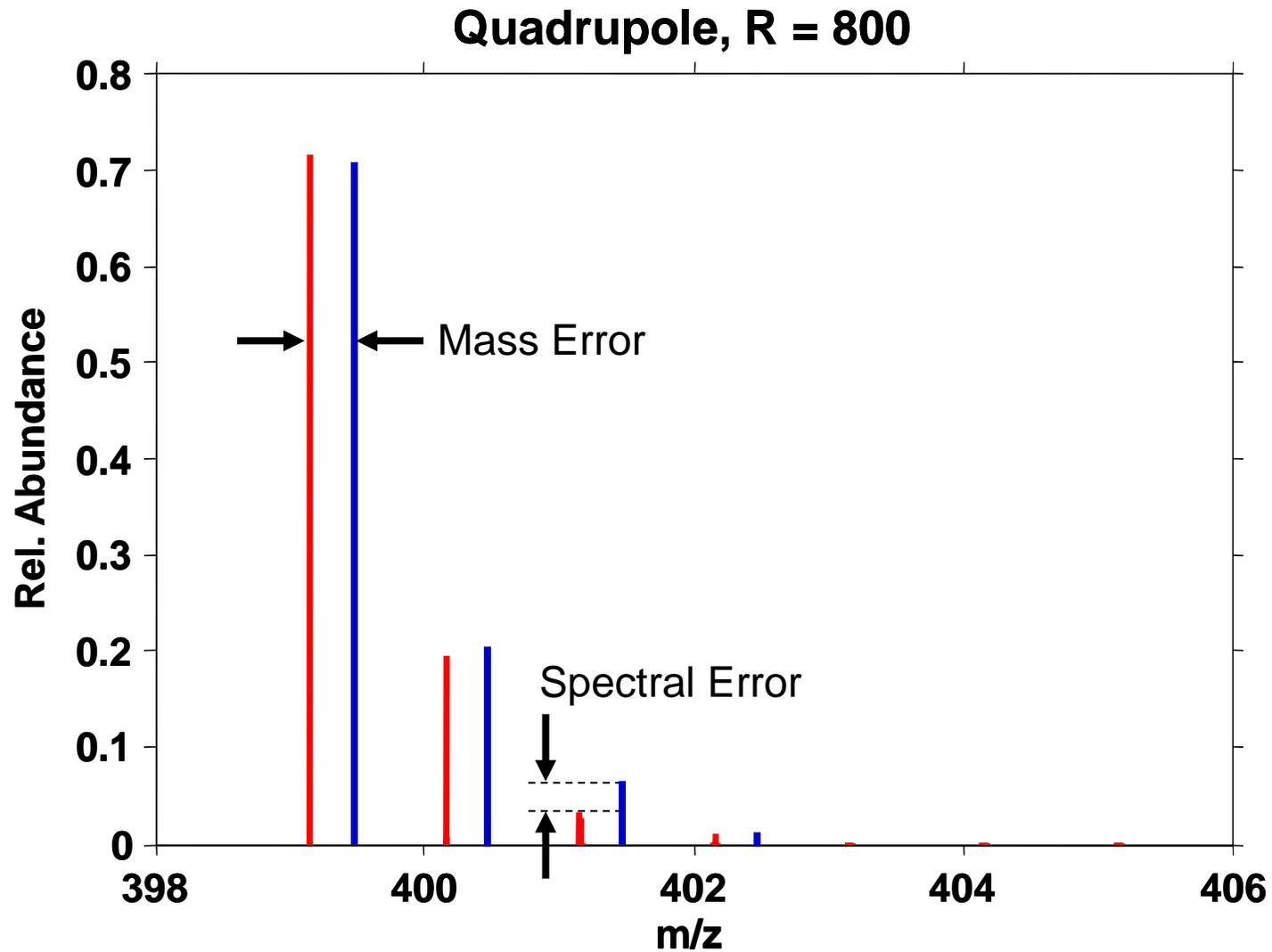
# Elemental Composition and Mass Spec Measurement (e.g., $C_{25}H_{23}N_2OS^+$ ): Baseline Resolved w/HiRes



# Elemental Composition and Mass Spec Measurement (e.g., $C_{25}H_{23}N_2OS^+$ ): Baseline Unresolved @ Unit Mass



# Elemental Composition and Mass Spec Measurement (e.g., $C_{25}H_{23}N_2OS^+$ )



# Entirely Different MS Calibration

**TrueCal: True & Fully Calibrated MS  
(Cerno only)**

**Raw Profile MS and True MS**

**True Mass Spectrum**

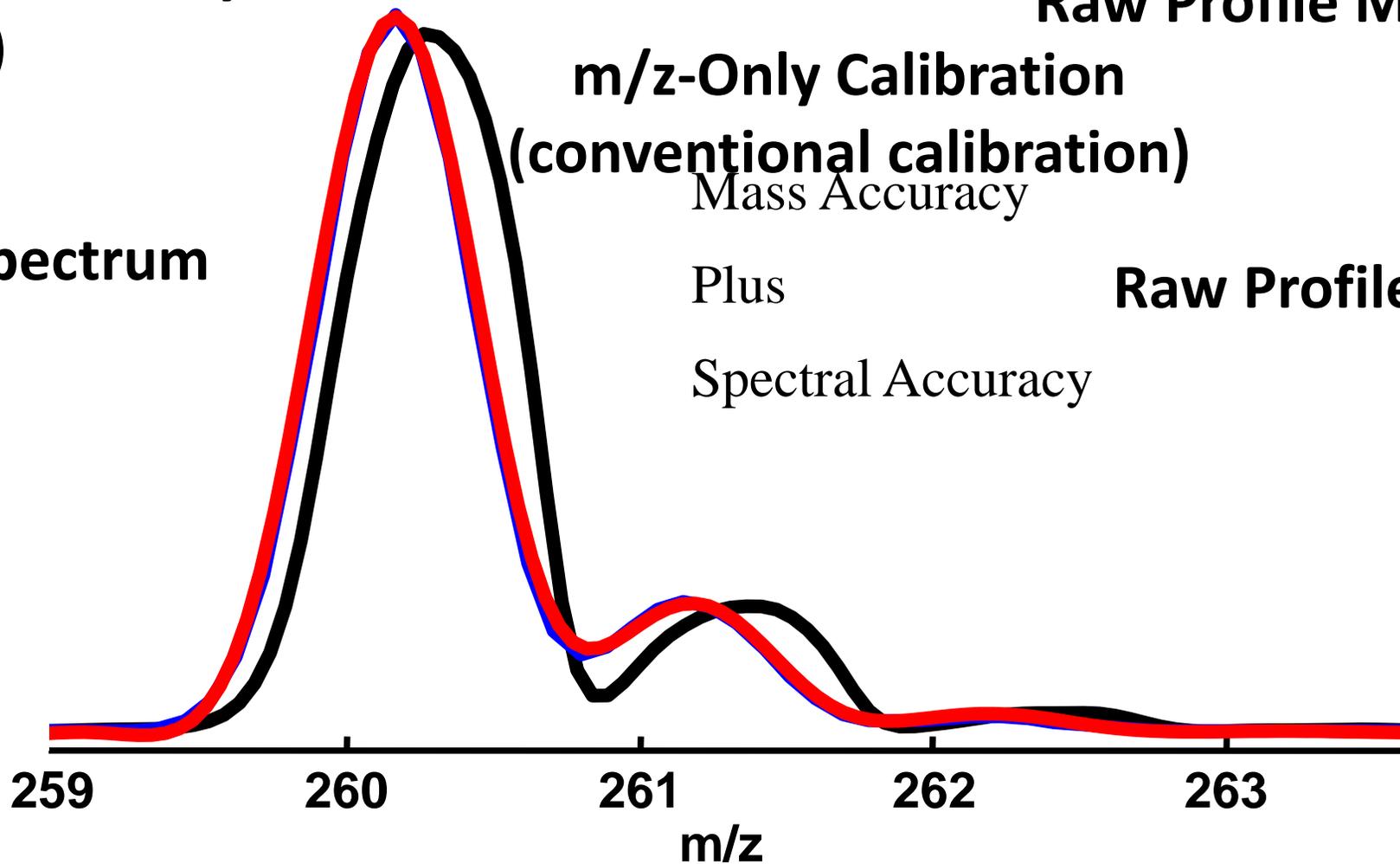
**m/z-Only Calibration  
(conventional calibration)**

Mass Accuracy

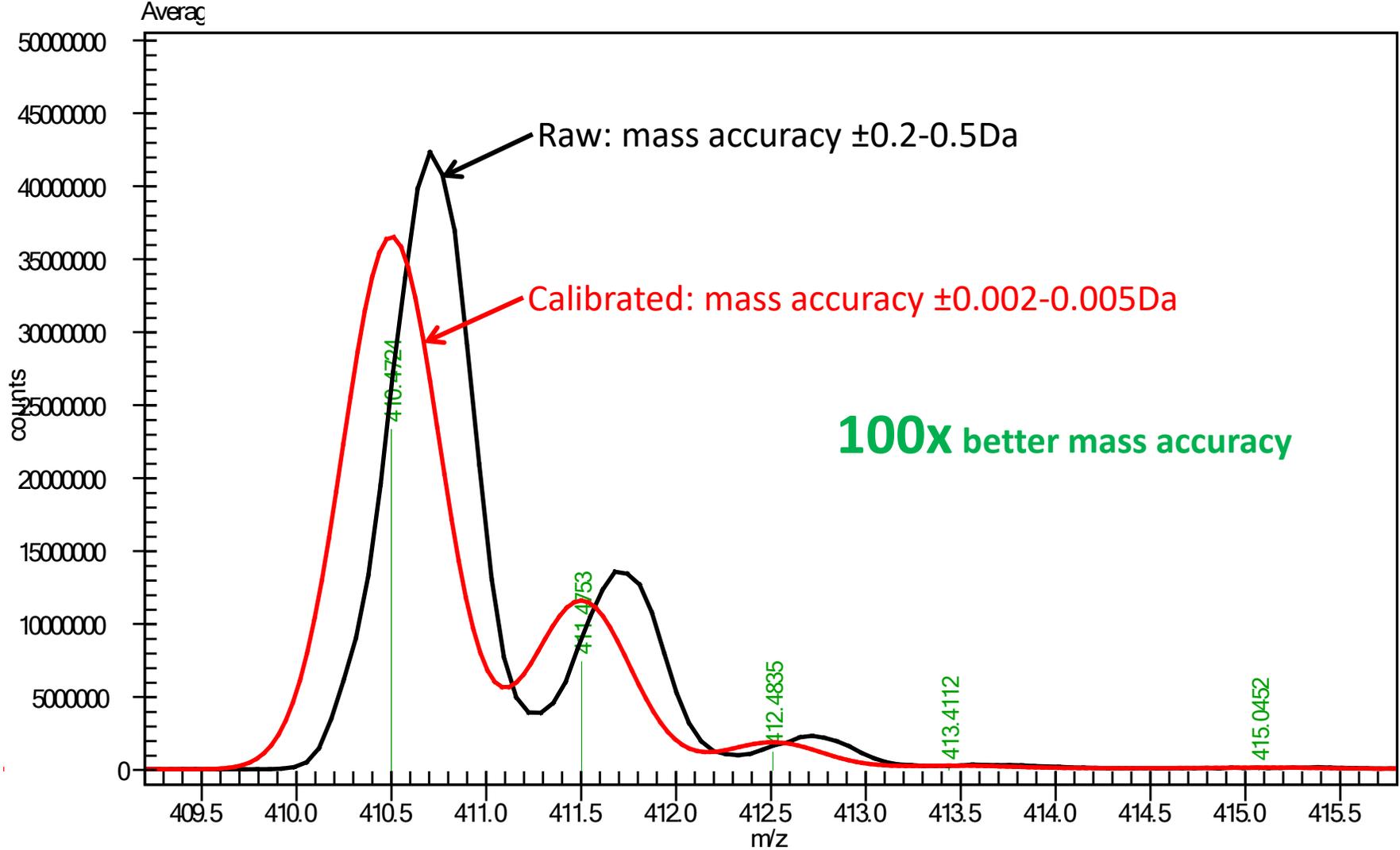
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Spectral Accuracy

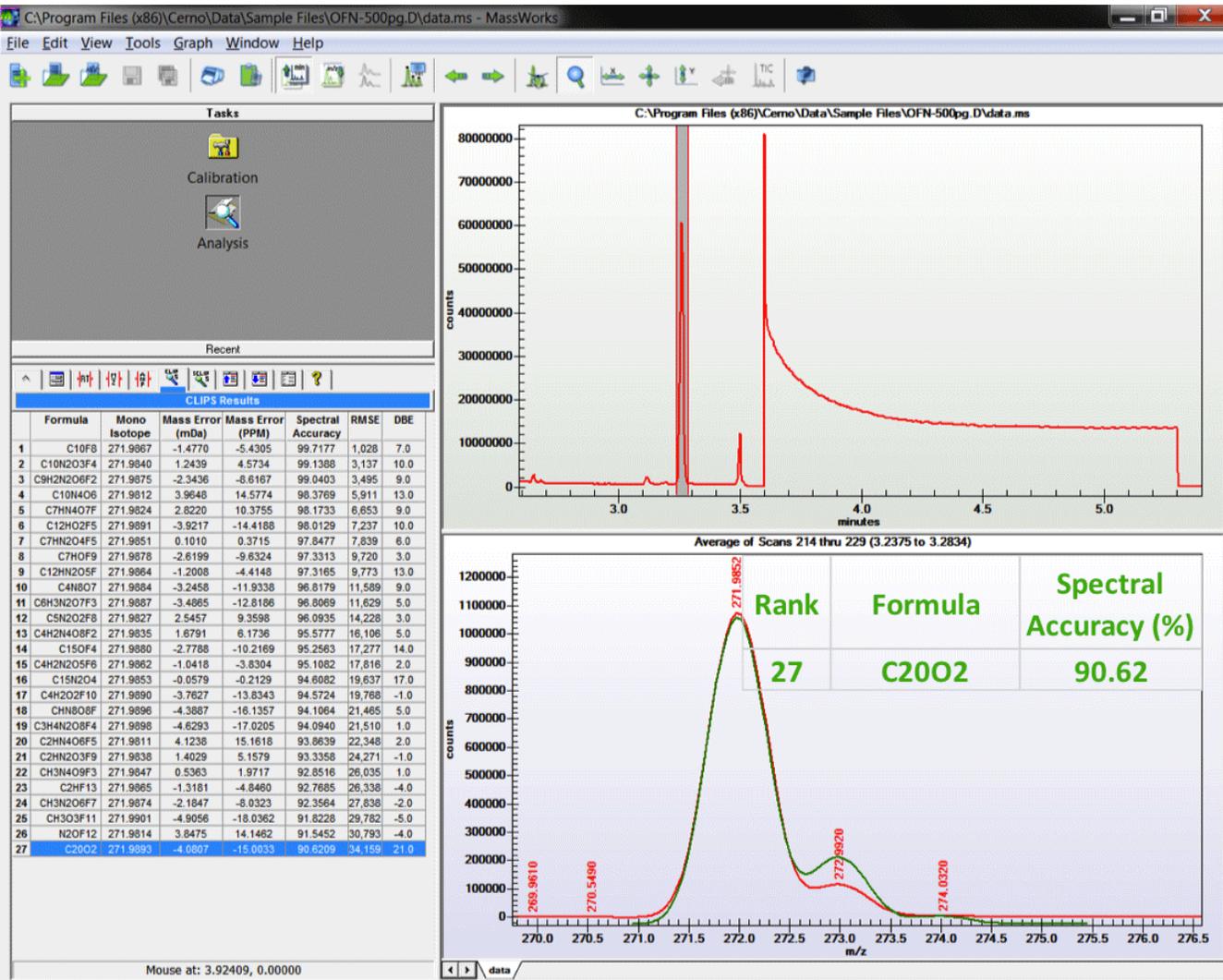
**Raw Profile Mass Spectrum**



# The Unparalleled Gain in Performance

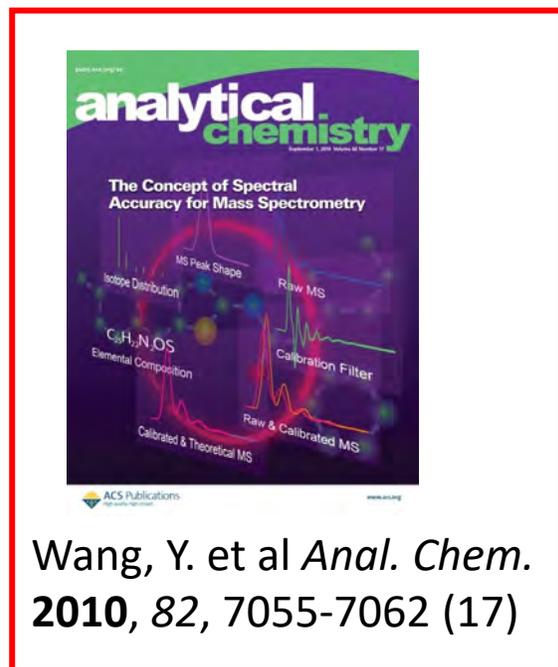


# The Unparalleled Gain in Performance



- Measured MS accurately compared to theoretical MS
- The concept of **Spectral Accuracy**
- Elemental composition determination with even single quad
- Further enhance HiRes MS (TOF/Orbitrap)
- Education/Teaching tools

# Selected Publications



Wang, Y. et al *Anal. Chem.*  
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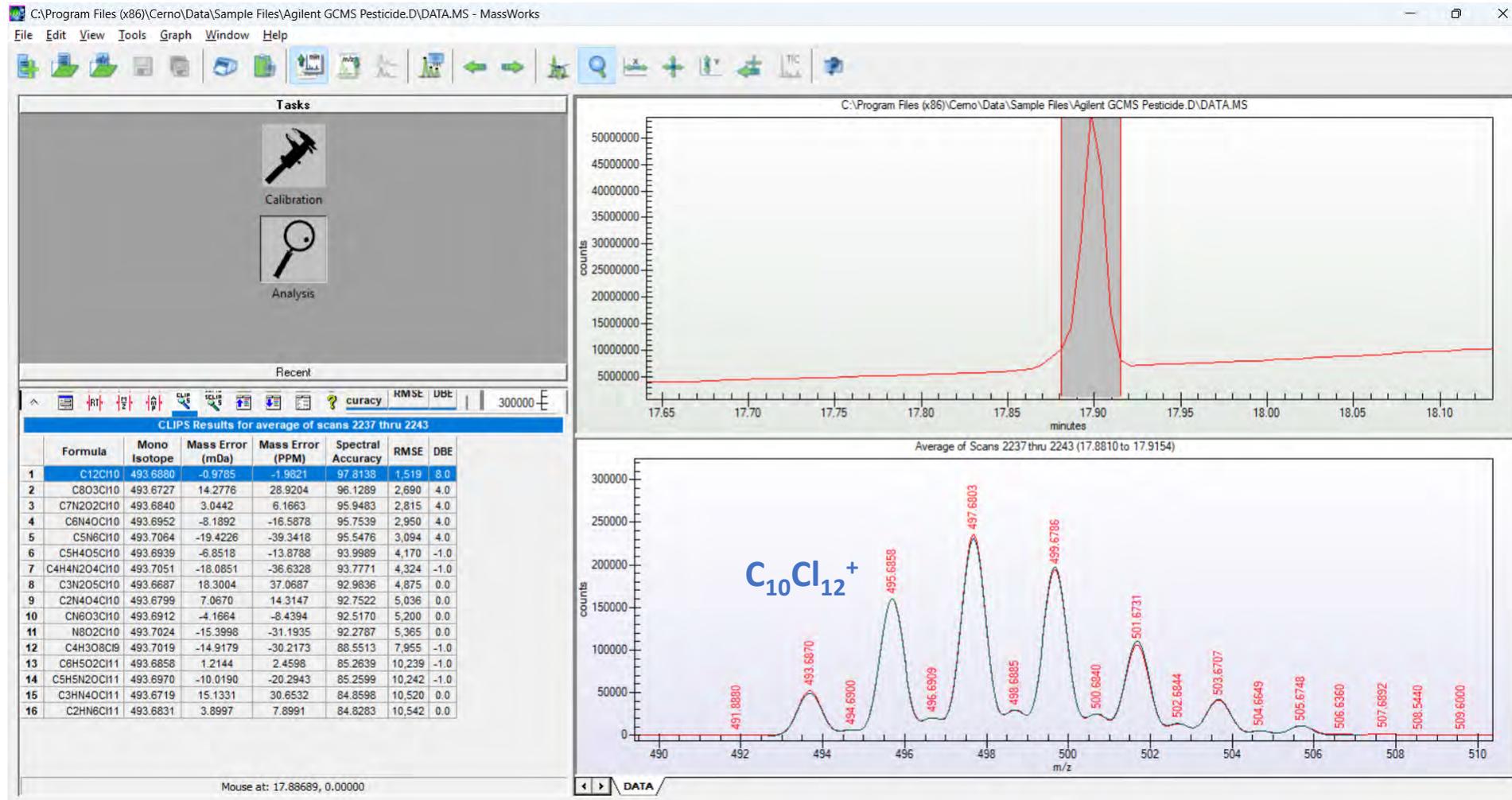
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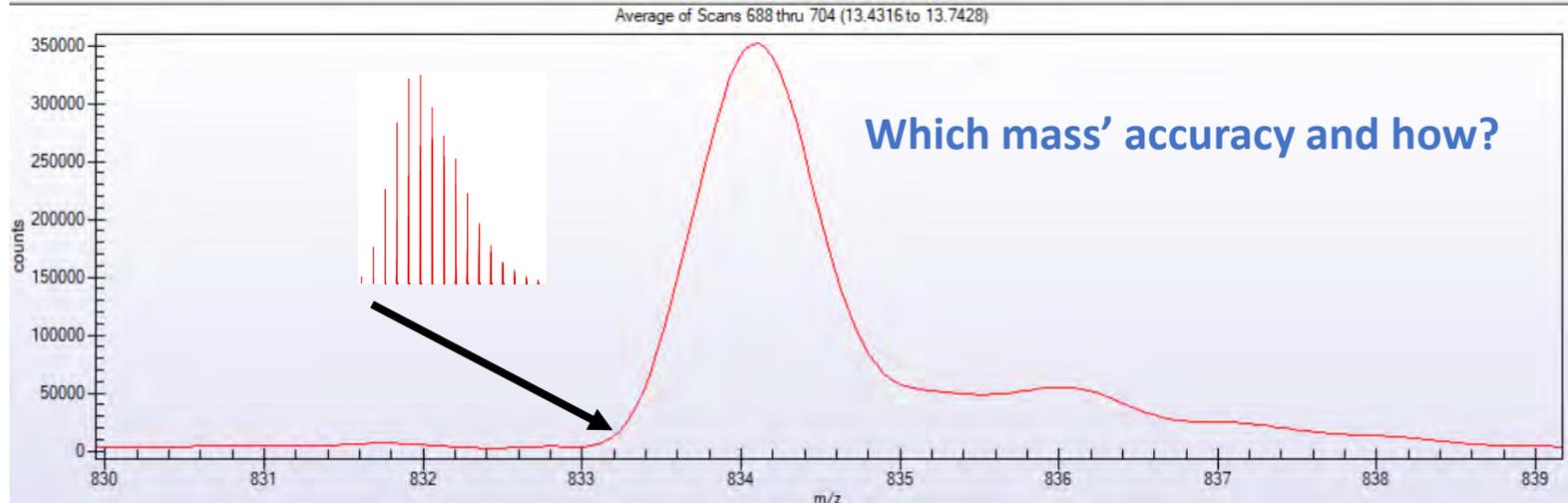
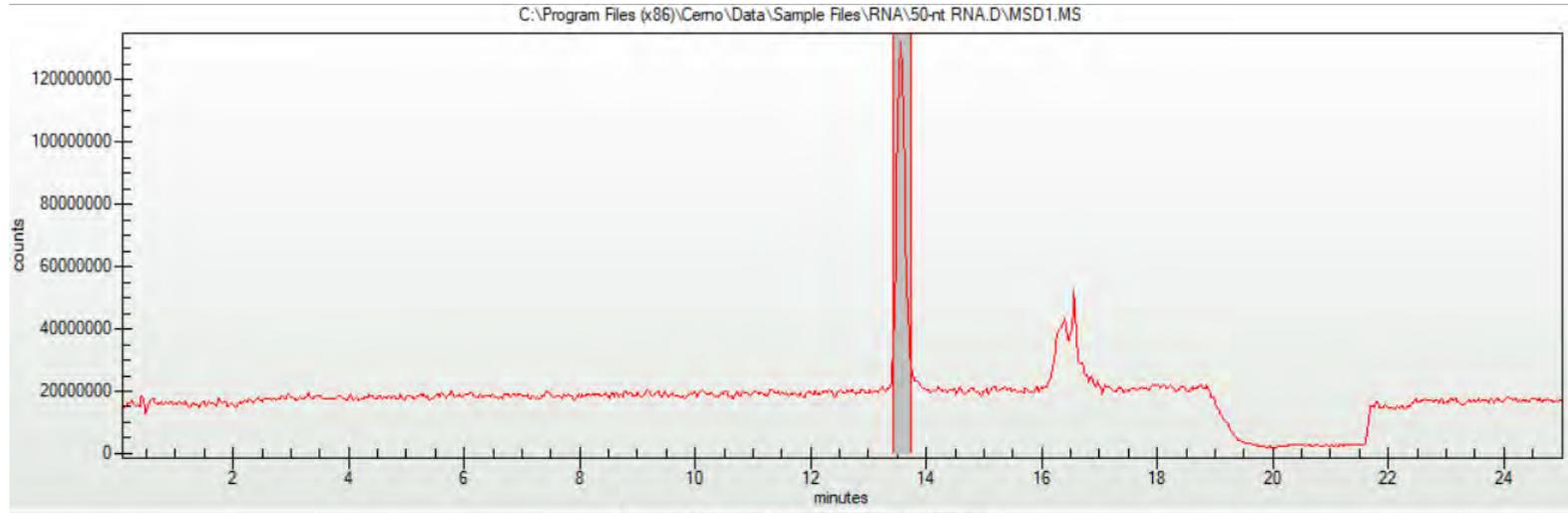
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# Weak Monoisotopic Peak: Cl/Br-Containing (z=1, Unit Mass Resolution)



# Monoisotopic Peak Goes Missing: 50-nt RNA, $z=-19$ , Unit Mass Resolution

Seq: 5'-HO-UAUUCAAGUUACACUCAAGAAGGAAUAAUUUCUAAACCGUUACCAUUACU-OH-3'



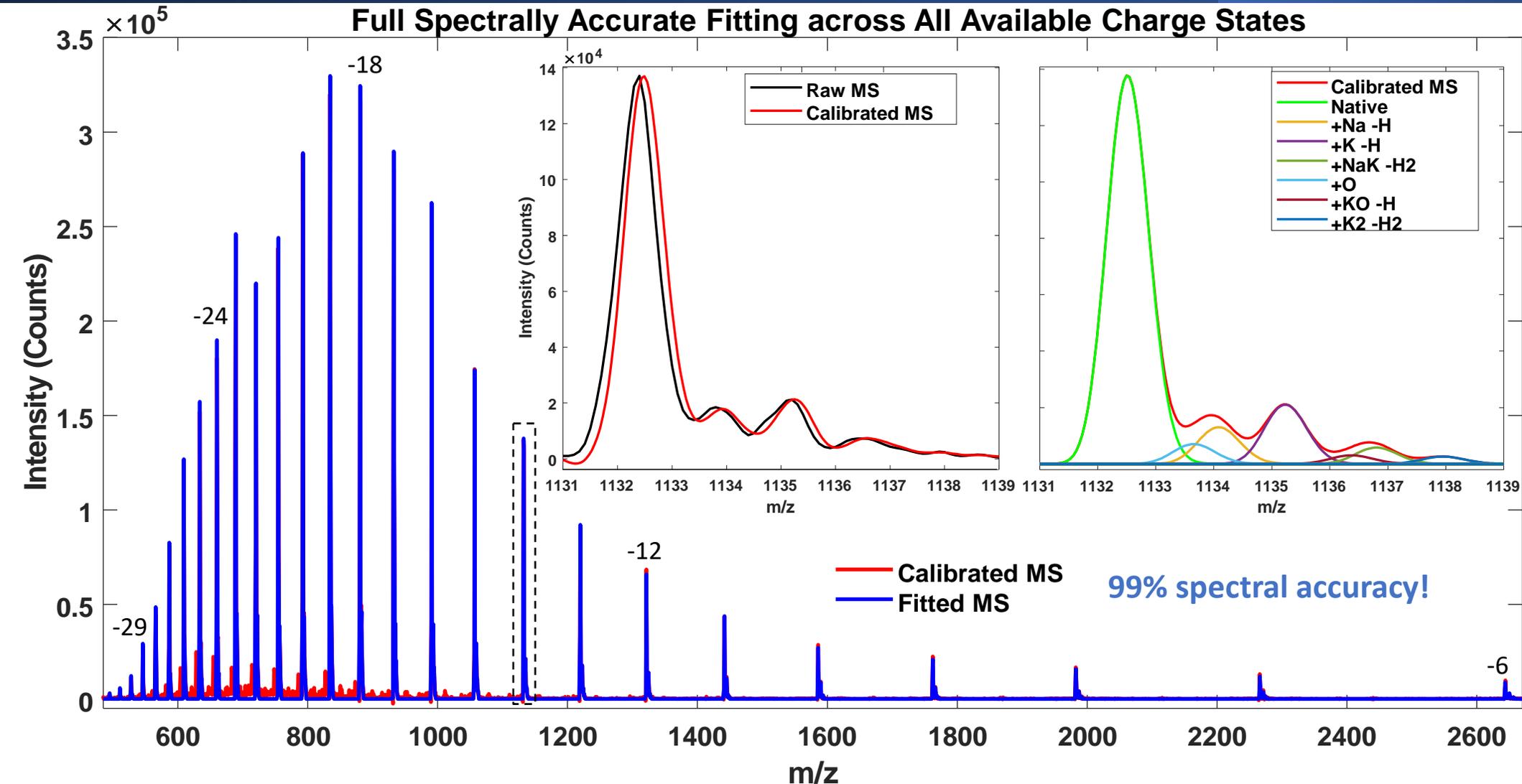
Neutral formula:



Exact Monoisotopic Mass:

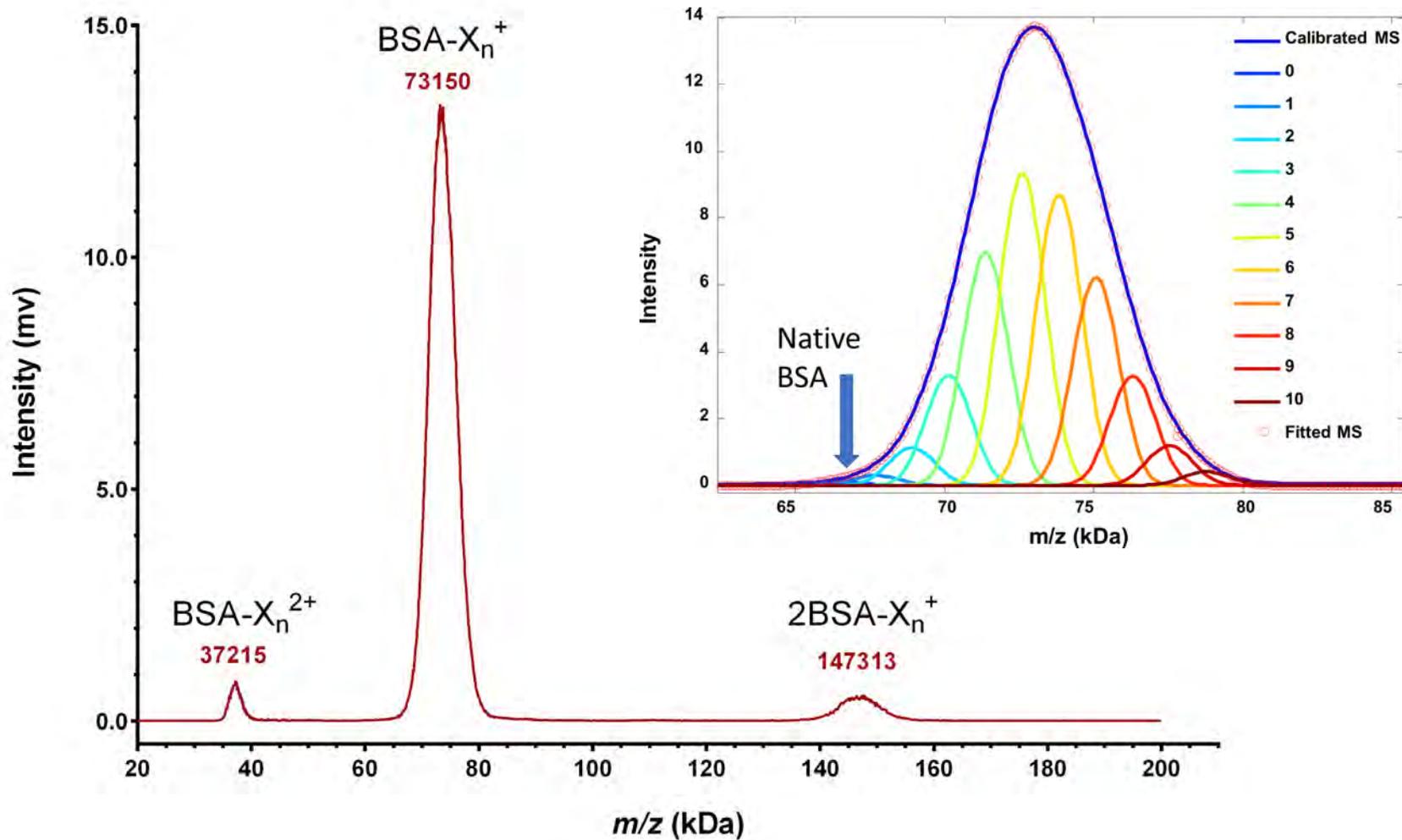
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# Monoisotopic Peak Goes Missing: 50-nt RNA, $z=-14$ , Unit Mass Resolution



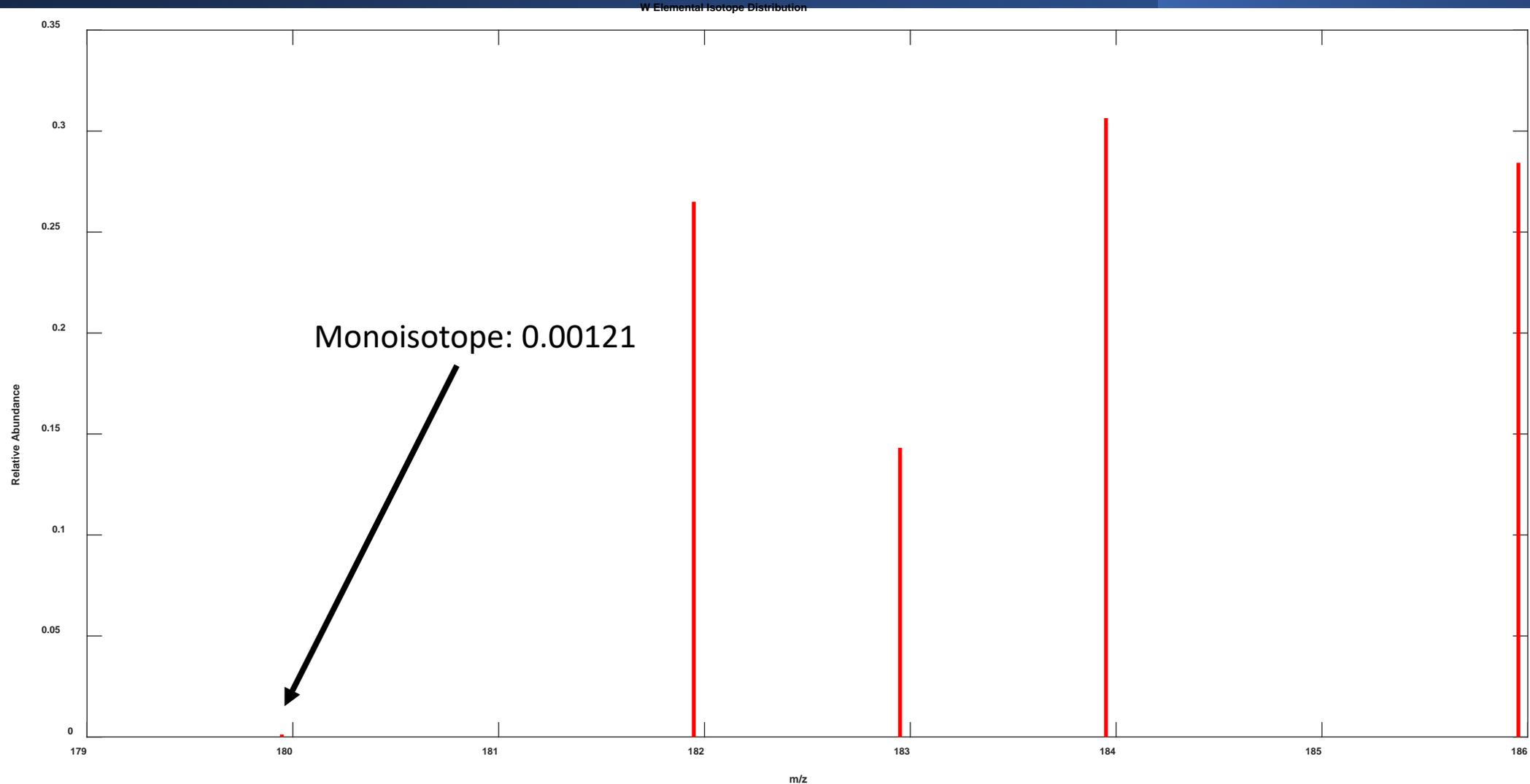
Wang, Y. et al  
ASMS Poster 2021

# Monoisotopic Peak Goes Missing: BSA, $z=1-2$ , MALDI TOF MS

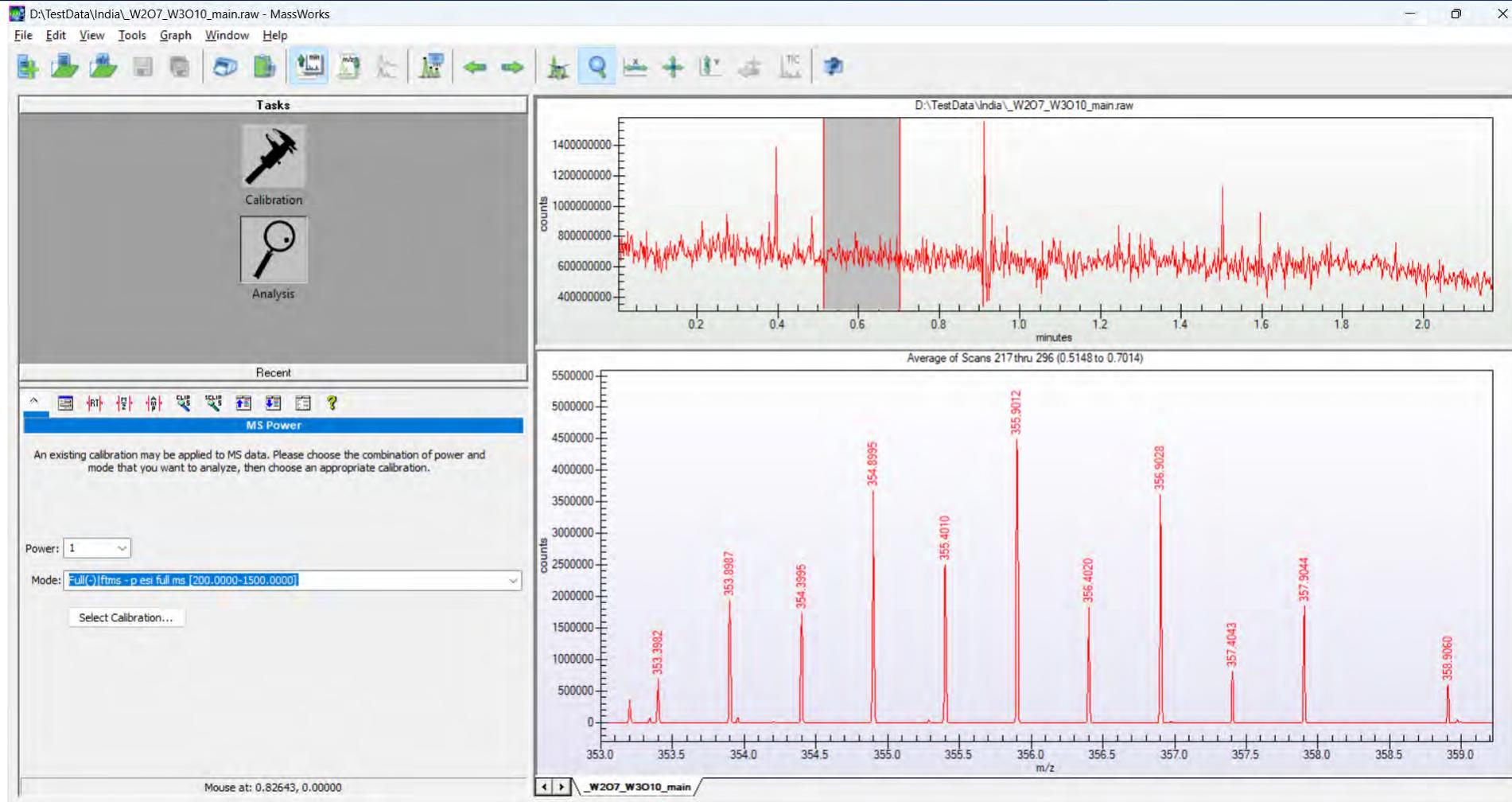


Lai, C. et al  
ASMS Poster 2017

# Monoisotopic Peak Goes Missing: W-containing, Any Resolution



# Monoisotopic Peak Goes Missing: W-containing, z=-2, Orbitrap LC/MS, ESI-



# Monoisotopic Peak Goes Missing: W-containing, z=-2, Orbitrap LC/MS, ESI-

sCLIPS Search

Accurate mass to search:  Parameter Set:  Actions...

Charge:  Analysis Mode:  Sequence...

Formula Generation by Mass

Mass Tolerance

mDa

PPM

Electron State

Odd  Even  Both

Double Bond Equivalent Range

Min:  Max:

Empirical Rules

	Element	Min	Max
1	N	0	20
2	O	0	23
3	H	0	95
4	W	0	4
5			

Formula Determination / Mixture Analysis by Spectral Accuracy

Profile Mass Range (Da)

Start:  End:

Interference Rejection:

Calibration Range (Da from Mono)

Start:  End:

Auto-Range

Ion Series

	Repeat Unit	Min	Max
1			

Results

Show All Results  Show Top 20 Results  Sort Mass Error By Absolute Value

Show this dialog before each search

Reset to Factory Defaults

Reset to My Defaults

Save As My Defaults

Wide open mass tolerance  $\pm 5.2\text{Da}$

Spectral Accuracy search only

# Monoisotopic Peak Goes Missing: W-containing, z=-2, Orbitrap LC/MS, ESI-

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Tasks

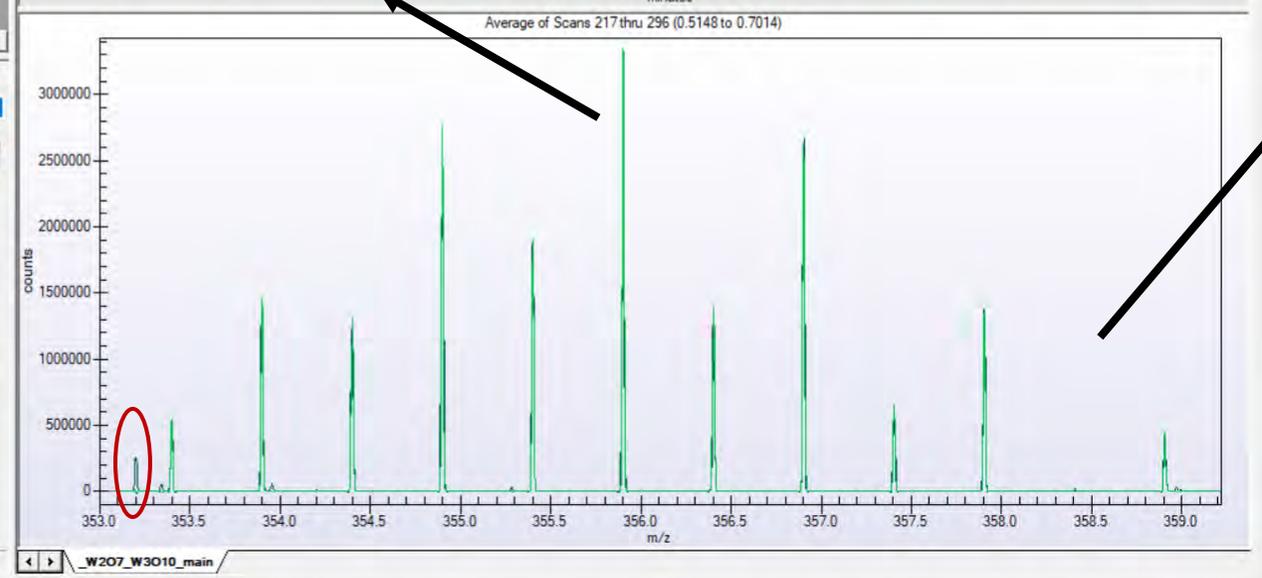
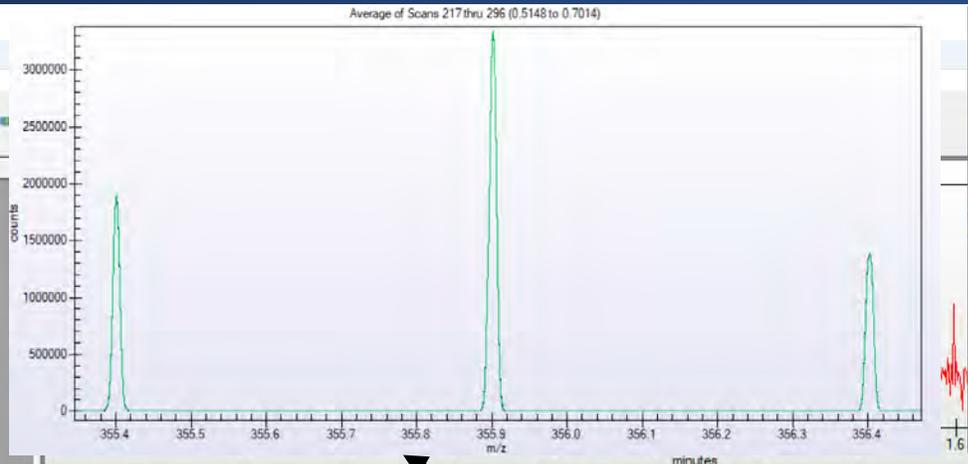
- Calibration
- Analysis

Recent

sCLIPS Results for average of scans 217 thru 296

	Formula	Mono Isotope	Mass Error (mDa)	Mass Error (PPM)	Spectral Accuracy	RMSE	DBE
1	O10W3	350.8959	3,002.7693	8,484.8272	93.4103	10.077	1.0
2	NO9W3	349.9000	3,998.6896	11,298.9667	25.2924	114,240	1.5
3	N2O8H2W3	349.9119	3,986.7849	11,265.3279	4.7720	145,619	1.0
4	N6O5W3	352.9179	980.8338	2,771.5102	4.1310	146,599	4.0
5	N5O17HW2	351.4156	2,483.0736	7,016.3400	3.3301	147,824	3.0
6	N4O18W2	351.9076	1,991.0658	5,626.0896	3.1810	148,052	3.0
7	NO9H4W3	351.9157	1,983.0396	5,603.4101	2.0034	149,853	-0.5
8	N2O20W2	353.8995	-0.7748	-2.1893	1.8171	150,138	2.0
9	O10H2W3	351.9038	1,994.9443	5,637.0489	1.6500	150,393	0.0
10	O10H4W3	352.9116	987.1192	2,789.2706	1.3694	150,822	-1.0
11	N2O20HW2	354.4034	-504.6873	-1,426.0785	1.1282	151,191	1.5
12	NO9H5W3	352.4196	1,479.1270	4,179.5210	0.8226	151,659	-1.0
13	NO21W2	354.8954	-996.6951	-2,816.3288	0.8106	151,677	1.5
14	O10H3W3	352.4077	1,491.0318	4,213.1598	0.7494	151,771	-0.5
15	N2O8H4W3	350.9197	2,978.9599	8,417.5496	0.7221	151,812	0.0
16	N2O20H3W2	355.4112	-1,512.5124	-4,273.8568	0.6814	151,874	0.5
17	NO9H2W3	350.9078	2,990.8646	8,451.1884	0.6699	151,892	0.5
18	N2O20H4W2	355.9151	-2,016.4249	-5,697.7459	0.6530	151,918	0.0
19	N3O19W2	352.9036	995.1455	2,811.9501	0.6373	151,942	2.5
20	N5O18HW2	354.4177	-1,466.5185	-4,136.5185	0.6336	151,948	3.0

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# Summary

- Mass accuracy is important and clearly defined when there is observable monoisotope
- Spectral Accuracy is always well defined regardless
- Peak shape calibration is key to achieve high Spectral Accuracy at any resolution
- Spectral Accuracy enables accurate mixture analysis
- It is possible to search for unknown elemental composition based on Spectral Accuracy alone (computational efficiency)
- Compounds with metal ions are amenable to Spectral Accuracy analysis
- Next step: organometallic compounds with Hg, Cr, Sn etc.

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