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Upotreba MALDI* masene spektrometrije u oslikavanju metabolita na presecima tkiva-studija oslikavanja fenolnih jedinjenja na presecima biljnog tkiva



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Šta je MALDI-TOF (/TOF) masena spektrometrija?



ToF:

relatively simple and inexpensive design and their excellent sensitivity and high-mass capability





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Osnovni princip



MALDI TOF-MS relies on the short laser pulse (typically 1-5 ns, depending on the laser) to produce discrete ion packets in the ion source, which are then continuously extracted from the ion source by the application of a large static electric potential (25-30 kv).

MALDI – uloga matrice имгги MGGE



- Analyte is embedded in a very large excess of a matrix compound deposited on a solid surface called a target, made of a conducting metal.
- After a very brief laser pulse, the irradiated spot is rapidly heated and becomes vibrationally excited.
- The matrix molecules energetically ablated from the surface of the sample, absorb the laser energy and carry the analyte molecules into the gas phase.
- During the ablation process, the analyte molecules are usually ionized by being protonated or deprotonated with the nearby matrix molecules.



Kako MALDI radi?





Peptides:	4-Hydroxy-a-cyanocinnamic acid (HCCA)	
Proteins:	2,5-Dihydroxyacetophenone (DHAP) Sinapinic acid (SA) 2,5-Dihydroxybenzoic acid (DHB)	
Glycans:	2,5-Dihydroxybenzoic acid (DHB)	
Nucleic acids:	3-Hydroxypicolinic acid (HPA) 2,4,6-Trihydroxyacetophenone (THAP)	



MALDI- Pozitivan jonski mod



The matrix transfers the energy needed for ionization from the laser light to the sample molecules.

 $\mathsf{M} \xrightarrow[Laser energy]{} [\mathsf{M} + \mathsf{H}]^+$

Formation of alternative adducts depends on the presence of respective cations (either being ubiquitary present or actively added – depending on type of sample): [M+Na]⁺; [M+K]⁺; [M+Cu]⁺; [M+Li]⁺; [M+Ag]⁺



MALDI- Negativan jonski mod



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 $M \rightarrow [M-H]$

Laser energy







Nitrogen laser: pro: well structured energy profile contra: slow (maximum 50Hz)

Nd:YAG laser: pro: fast (up to 1000Hz) contra: Gaussian energy profile (non-structured)

N₂: 337 nm

YAG 335 nm



Smartbeam/Smartbeam II (modified Nd:YAG laser): pro: fast (up to 1000Hz) pro: well structured energy profile

Modified Nd:YAG laser, wavelength 355nm







Analysis of a mixture containing 3 compounds (green,red, blue) being different in mass:



Molecular ions are being generated by means of MALDI ionization.



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When performing CID experiments, the TOF1 stage is flushed with collision gas. This induces additional high-energy collision induced fragmentation (heCID).

Most important:

Fragment ions continue to travel at the same velocity as there precursors did.



LID: Laser-Induced Dissociation

Most straightforward way to peptide backbone fragmentation (b,y-type ions). Used for protein identification by means of peptide sequencing.

CID: Collision-Induced Dissociation (high energy)

Additional side chain cleavages in peptides. Higher relative intensity of internal fragments. Overall shift of average fragment size towards lower mass.

Used as an option in special applications, e.g.:

- de novo sequencing of peptides (enhanced immonium ions)
- differentiation of isobaric amino acids L and I in peptides by respective side chain cleavages
- detailed glycan analysis (cross ring cleavages occurring in heCID allow for linkage analysis)



Analysis of a mixture containing 3 compounds (green,red, blue) being different in mass:



The **isolation** device allows for the selection of a specific group of fragment/molecular ions for further m/z separation and analysis.



MALDI-Time of Flight: Razdvajanje

 $E_{pot} = zeU$ $E_{kin} = 1/2mv^2$ $zeU = 1/2mv^2$ $v = \sqrt{2zeU/m}$ t = L/m/2zeU

This defines the potential energy at which all ions start from the MALDI target.

This equation defines the kinetic energy of ions after acceleration into the flight tube.

In the process of ion acceleration, energy is preserved but turns from potential into kinetic energy.

Transforming this equation shows the dependency of velocity of moving ions on their m/z value.

With the linear velocity v being defined as $L_{drift\ tube}/t_{flight}$, the dependency of the ions' flight time t_{flight} from m/z becomes obvious.



Principal scheme: MS/MS operation mode



Ion path in TOF1 region (linear TOF) Ion path in TOF2 region (reflector TOF)

Deceleration = removal of early metastables Isolation = Timed ion gate Ion source 2 = second acceleration cell Precursor suppression = Timed ion gate for suppression of non-fragmented precursor ions



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Precursor suppression prevents remaining intact molecular ions from passing on in TOF2, where they would otherwise undergo non-desired metastable decay again, which would yield wrongly calibrated, badly resolved fragment peaks.











Resolution R defines, how well two peaks are separated from each other:

R=m/∆m

Δm is usually derived from a mass peak's full width at half maximum (FWHM), as shown below for the exemplaric analysis of a mixture of two compounds X and Y:









Rezolucija je ograničena prostornim i energetskim širenjem

Spatial spread:

- initial movement of ions towards different directions
- ions are desorbed from different zcoordinates due to heterogeneity in size of matrix crystals

Initial energy (=speed) spread:

 heterogeneous secondary reactions (ion-ion; ionneutral)







Homogenost kristala matrice





Pulsed ion Extraction for efficient ion focusing in the MALDI ion source



Veći napon / potencijalna E se primenjuje na sporiji jon kako bi se na IS2 –kapija 2 približili i na kraju oba jona sa istim m/z stižu zajedno do detektora.



Further ion focusing by means of a reflector TOF setup









Linearni vs. reflektor mod

Ako reflektor mod daje mnogo bolju rezoluciju, zašto koristiti linearni uopšte 🖓

- Pojedini molekulski joni formirani u MALDI izvoru nisu stabilni i tokom prolaska kroz *field-free* region fragmentišu. To se posebno odnosi na velike molekule, npr proteine koji prolaze kroz prirodan gubitak H₂O, NH₃, CO₂ čime postaju slabije pokretni što utiče na senzitivnost i rezoluciju ako se analizira u refraktor modu.
- Linearne metode imaju manju masenu rezoluciju(nisu razdvojeni izotopski pikovi, ali mogu da omoguće m/Δm FZ 500 ili manje, zavismo od m/z vrste), ali veću osetljivost i pogodni su za jone većih masa (>200 000 Da).
- Metode u reflektor modu omogućavaju najbolje masene rezolucije (razdvojeni su i izotopski pikovi) ali se preporučuju za m/z < 6000.
- Reflektor mod nije preporučljiv za analite koji ne mogu dugo da prežive u električnom polju.



Linearni vs. reflektor mod

Linear mode: Low resolution cyt c R=1,500 Intens. [a.u.] 1500 360.9 1250 1000 750 500 250 12350 12340 12360 12380 12370 m/z Spectrum shows one broad peak representing the envelope of the non-resolved isotope peaks.



peaks well separated from each other.



MALDI-ToF: Izotopni pikovi

Isotope	Mass	[%] Abundance
1-H	1.007825	99.985
2-H (Deuterium)	2.014000	0.015
12-C	12.00000	98.90
13-C	13.00336	1.10
14-N	14.00307	99.63
15-N	15.00011	0.37
16-0	15.99491	99.76
18-0	17.99916	0.20
19-F	18.99840	100
23-Na	22.98977	100
31-P	30.97376	100
32-S	31.97207	95.03
34-S	33.96787	4.22
35-Cl	34.96885	76.77
37-Cl	36.96590	31.98
39-K	38.96371	93.26 The m
79-Br	78.91834	50.69 Using t
81-Br	80.91629	49.31 The av

Element composition: $C_{112}H_{164}N_{29}O_{34}S_2$ Monoisotopic mass [M+H]⁺: 2524.1510 Average mass [M+H]⁺: 2525.8196 Element composition: $C_{41}H_{69}N_{13}O_{14}S$ Monoisotopic mass [M+H]⁺: 1000.4880 Average mass [M+H]⁺: 1001.1409



The **monoisotopic mass** is the sum of the masses of all the atoms present in a molecule using the mass of the most abundant isotope <u>f</u>or each element.

The **average mass** of a molecule is the sum of elemental masses using the <u>average weighted</u> over all stable isotopes of each element contained in the molecule.

Elements that are found in nature in form of only one single isotope, are called monoisotopic elements.



MALDI-ToF: Kalibracija

Precision: Variation of values obtained from repetitive measurements performed under identical conditions (*random error*)
 Accuracy: Deviation of a measured value from the reference value (*systematic error*)





MALDI-ToF: Kalibracija

MALDI-TOF: Calibration strategies

Step 1) External calibration



- calibrants of known mass cover mass range of interest
- m/z vs. flight time is fitted using a polynom of varying order (depending on size of mass range to be calibrated and number of available calibrant signals, resp.)

Step 2) Internal re-calibration (optionally)



 denotes compounds of known identity/mass 842.509 Da (trypsin artefact) 2211.104 Da (trypsin artefact)

Internal re-calibration allows for

- optimum mass accuracy due to compensation of spot-to-spot heterogeneities that typically cause mass errors after external calibration



MALDI-ToF: Primena

MALDI-TOFMS profiling of microorganisms:





MALDI Fragmentation of peptides:

Top-down sequencing of intact proteins

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+ MALDI matrix (1,5-DAN, sDHB, SA)



MALDI-TOF Mass Spectrometry

Intact Mass determination
Peptide mass
fingerprinting (PMF)
Post source decay (PSD)
MALDI-TOF analysis



Example MS/MS spectrum obtained from a peptide:



y- C terminus b- N-terminus



MALDI Analysis of posttranslational modifications: Phosphorylation





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MALDI Analysis of posttranslational modifications: Phosphorylation





Polymer characterization: Pre-separated PEO/PPO Copolymer



Weidner S.M., Falkenhagen J., Maltsev S., Sauerland V., Rinken M. Rapid Commun. Mass Spectrom. 2007; **21**: 2750-2758



Šta je MALDI MS oslikavanje?



Spatially resolved mass spectra are being recorded



MALDI MSI -workflow

Tissue slide Laser MALDI data acquisition Sample preparation intensit Matrix application 200000 Relative m/z**TOF** analyzer Laser ablation Tandem MS Single MS Data analysis and MS/MS spectrum Mass spectra for each x,y coordinate Biocomputational analysis Peptide fragments Nature Reviews Cancer 10, 639-646 (September 2010) doi:10.1038/nrc2917 Database search Seeley and Caprioli. Trends Biotechnol. 2011 March ; 29(3): 136–143. 100% Class A Class B Protein identification doi:10.1016/j.tibtech.2010.12.002 Classification images Protein images

MALDI – priprema uzoraka – sveže zamrznuto tkivo





Nanošenje matrice

Wet matrix deposition method





Nanošenje matrice



Small droplets: reduced extraction, high resolution



Metode vlažno za nanošenje matrice

> **Nebulization** (f.e. **Bruker imageprep**):

- Very good spectrum quality especially for intact proteins, due to efficient extraction of analyte molecules from tissue
- 50-70µm resolution routinely achievable
- Rather slow (takes approx. 1hour)

Pneumatic spray (f.e. HTX TM-sprayer, suncollect)

- Applicable to rather broad range of analytes, MALDI matrices and applications
- Capable of generating very thin matrix layers consisting of very small crystals
- Careful method optimization required, to find best compromise between spatial resolution and spectral quality
- Depending on analyte of interest, spatial resolution of 10-20µm achievable
- Rather fast (5 15min depending on method setup)
- best suited instrument type for *deposition of enzymes* (trypsin f.e.) when dealing with FFPE tissue.









Bruker ImagePrep







MALDI- Wet matrix deposition method





• Reproducible crystal size



Metode za suvo nanošenje matrice

- Sublimation
- Very thin matrix layers consisting of extremely small crystal size
- No artificial delocalization of analyte molecules due to absence of solvents
- Ultimate level of spatial resolution achievable (<10µm)
- Works best for sufficiently small analyte molecules that ionize very well in MALDI (f.e. lipids, various other small molecules)
- Simple and fast technique
- For larger analyte molecules (f.e. peptides, proteins), dry matrix deposition may require an additional rehydration step, or may even not work at all



Schematic of a home-built sublimation device used for dry deposition of MALDI matrix on tissue sections



Prostorna rezolucija u MALDI MSI



Spatial resolution is determined by the following MALDI instrument parameters:

- raster width (i.e. pixel size) defined for MALDI sample stage movement in x and y direction
- size of the area within a pixel ablated by the laser

Ideally, the laser ablation area should cover the defined pixel area as complete as possible to enable high yield of MALDI ions.

Laser ablation area smaller than desired pixel dimensions will cause undersampling (lowered MALDI ion yield because of low pixel coverage).

Laser ablation area larger than defined pixel dimensions will cause **oversampling** (leading to diminished spatial resolution of resulting MALDI images).



MALDI- Data analysis and interpretation



MALDI-MS imaging is a truly multiplexing technique. Ion images can be extracted from a data set for any mass feature of interest within the detection range covered.



MALDI-MSI Obrada podataka



We start with this set of spectra, e.g. individual pixels from a MALDI ima











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Fenolna jedinjenja

Physiological roles (solar irradiance):

1. UV/light screening - epidermal phenolics (flavonoids-Flav and hydroxycinnamic acids-HCAs).

2. Antioxidants- flavonoids with *ortho*-dihydroxylated B-ring in the mesophyll cells \rightarrow against oxidative damage induced by high light, UV-A and UV-B radiation, and cold stress.

3. Sink of reduced carbon (an energy escape valve).

The TEAC reflects the ability of hydrogen-donating antioxidants to scavenge the ABTS^{•+} radical cation





"Sector-specific" leaf phenolics in *P. zonale*



Vidović et al. 2015 Plant Cell Environ. 38:968–979





Spatial distribution

Hydrogen peroxide/HL stress





Vidović et al. 2016 J. Plant Physiol. 206:25-39

Flavonoids*/full sun exposure:



→ in the vacuole

Distribution of Flav, and HCA in *Phyllirea latifolia* leaves



*Naturstoff reagent

Agati et al. 2013 *Plant Physiol Biochem* 72:35-45 *Agati et al. 2017 New Phytologist* 174:77–89



Tissue-specific distribution



Ginkgo leaf cross section





Tissue-specific distribution



Longitudinal and cross sections of barley grains. 211, 527, 653 and 980. m/z = 211: JA. m/z = 527: raffinose m/z = 653; 980: not identified



Peukert 2013, Dissertation



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Experimental set-up-barley twist





Experimental set-up



Growth conditions: 20°C/18°C 12 h photoperiod 300 µmol m⁻² s⁻¹ PAR 10 days



LL: 300-340 HL: 500-550 μ mol m⁻² s⁻¹ μ mol m⁻² s⁻¹

5 days Plants were watered daily



A. t.wist

21°C/18°C 12 h photoperiod 200 µmol m⁻² s⁻¹ PAR 10 days









LL: 200 µmol m⁻² s⁻¹

2, 3, 4, 6 days



HL: 800-900 µmol m⁻² s⁻¹

A. thaliana: cold





What do we need:











What do we need:















What do we need:

fleximaging 4.0 Workflows Manual





Summary of the intensities in the dataMatrix





Workflow

Complications:

- physico-chem. prop.
- spectral complex.
- ionization prop.

