

# **Experimental Methods** in Systems Biology

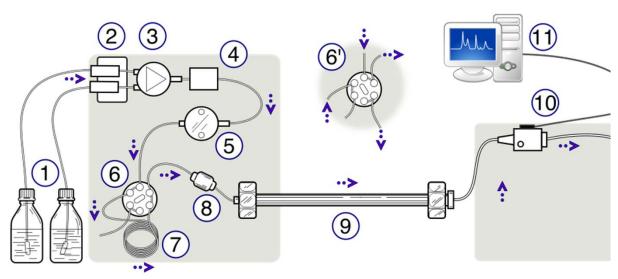
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## How Does Tandem Mass Spectrometry Work?

#### Separation—Liquid Chromatography



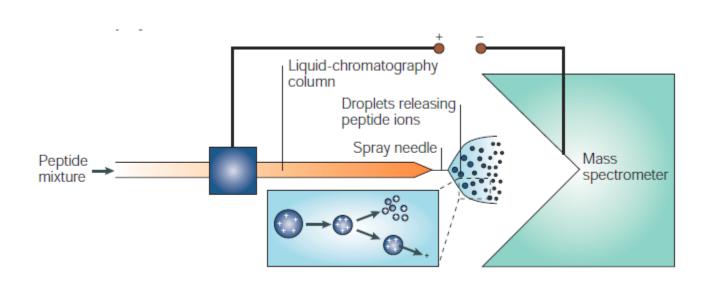
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Highperformance\_liquid\_chromatography#mediaviewer/File:HPLC\_apparatus.svg

- Most important part is (9) the column
- Peptides/Proteins have different affinity for or migration speeds in the column resin depending on the solvent composition
  - Column resin typically hydrophobic C18 but there are many types
- The solvent is run on a "gradient" across time to elute different peptides from the column
  - Solvent composition changes over time

#### Ionization Methods: making ions from peptides

- Electron ionization (EI)
- Photo-ionization (PI)
- Field ionization (FI)
- Chemical ionization (CI)
- Thermal ionization (TI)
- Fast Atom Bombardment (FAB)
- Electrospray (ESI)
- Matrix-assisted laser desorption ionization (MALDI)

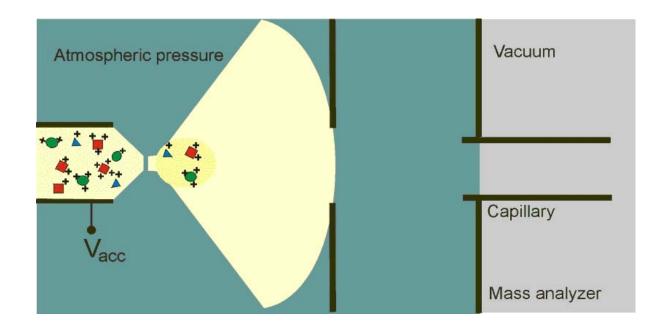
### Electrospray Ionization (ESI)



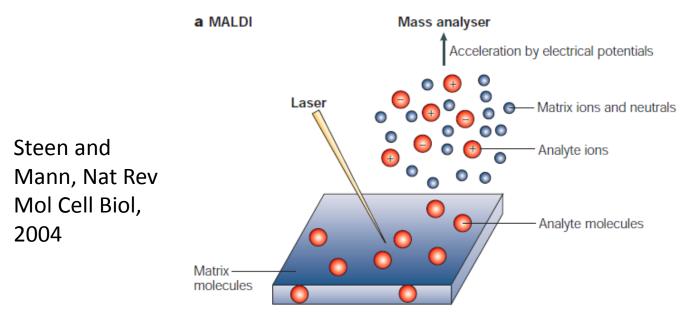
2002 Nobel Prize in Chemistry to John Fenn

Steen and Mann, Nat Rev Mol Cell Biol, 2004

### **Electrospray Animation**



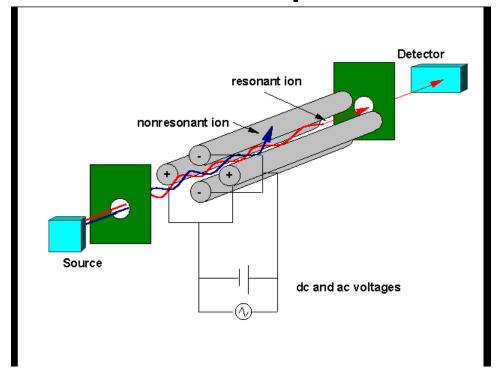
## Matrix-Assisted Laser Desorption Ionization (MALDI)



### Mass Analyzer: Separation of peptide ions based on m/z (~size)

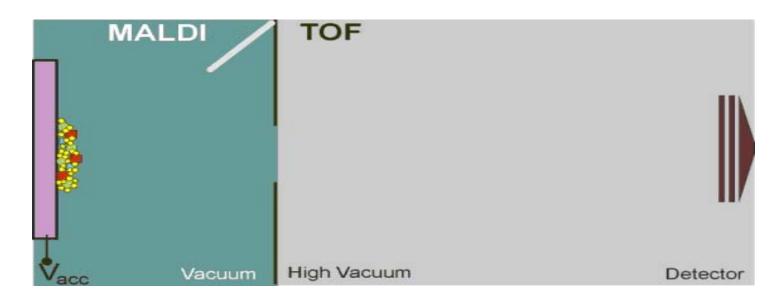
- Electrostatic analyzer
- Magnetic analyzer
- Quadrupole analyzer (e.g. triple quad)
- Time of flight analyzer (TOF)
- Double–focusing analyzer
- Ion cyclotron resonance analyzer
- Ion trap analyzer (IT)

### Quadrupole

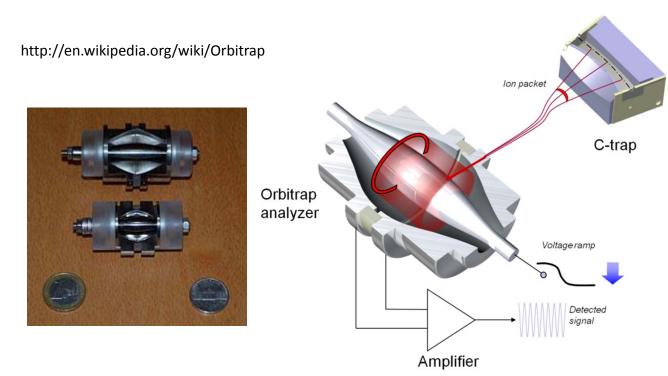


http://www.tissuegroup.chem.vt.edu/chem-ed/ms/quadrupo.html

### Matrix Assisted Laser Desorption Ionization (MALDI) Time of Flight (TOF) Mass Spectrometry (MS)

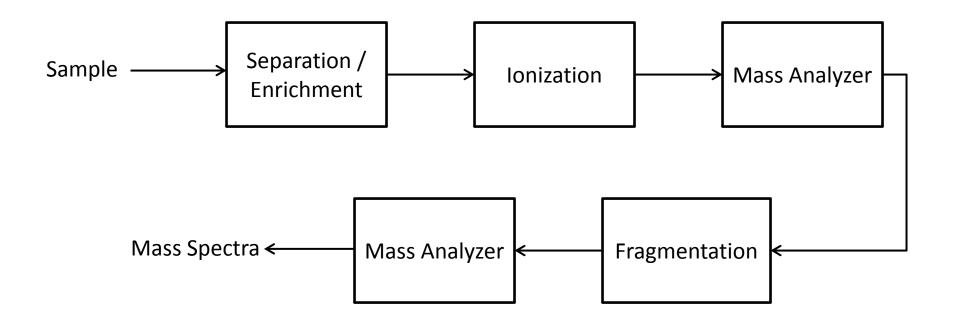


### Orbitrap (type of Ion Trap)

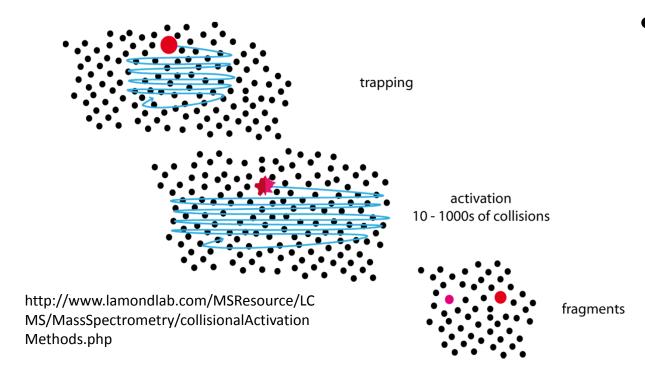


http://planetorbitrap.com/a bout-thetechnology#.VCDLJhZO3Kc

#### General MS/MS Setup for Proteomics



## Fragmentation—Fast Atom Bombardment/Collision Induced Dissociation



 Ions are collided with an inert gas (e.g. helium) causing fragmentation

### Nice Animation of a Q Exactive<sup>TM</sup> Quadrupole/Orbitrap

http://planetorbitrap.com/q-exactive#tab:animation

- This web link takes you to a nice animation of the technology
- We will be showing video of experiments with this machine at the Center for Advanced Proteomics Research at Rutgers