



# CAN WE PREDICT THE PREFERENCE FOR ADDUCT FORMATION IN ELECTROSPRAY?

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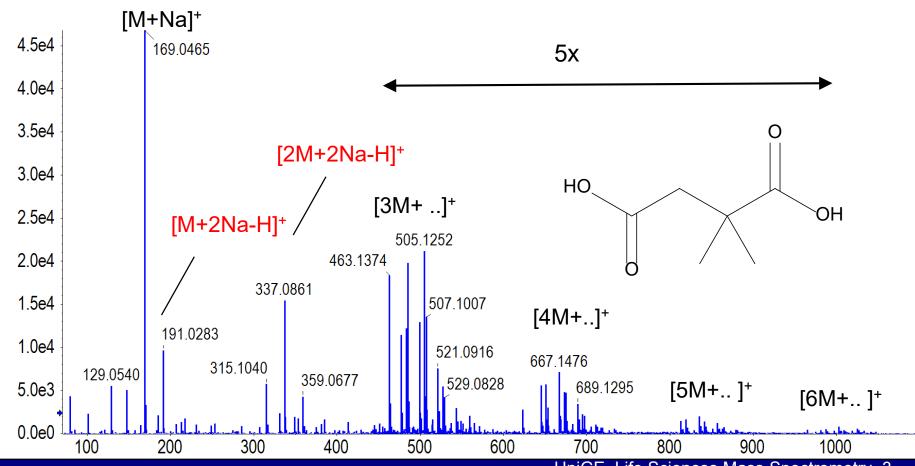
## Outline:

1) Short Introduction

2) ESI spectra of succinic acid with and without additives

3) Model selection and theoretical results

## Electrospray Flow Injection Analysis of 2,2-Dimethylsuccinic Acid



#### **ADDUCTS**

HCOO and AcO adducts originate from LC mobile phase modifiers while Cl adducts can form due to extraction solvents; additionally, residues of salts from sample preparation may lead to salt (sodium, potassium) adducts

Adduct formation was further found to be dependent on the sum of surfaces of polar atoms in a molecule MW and O/N composition

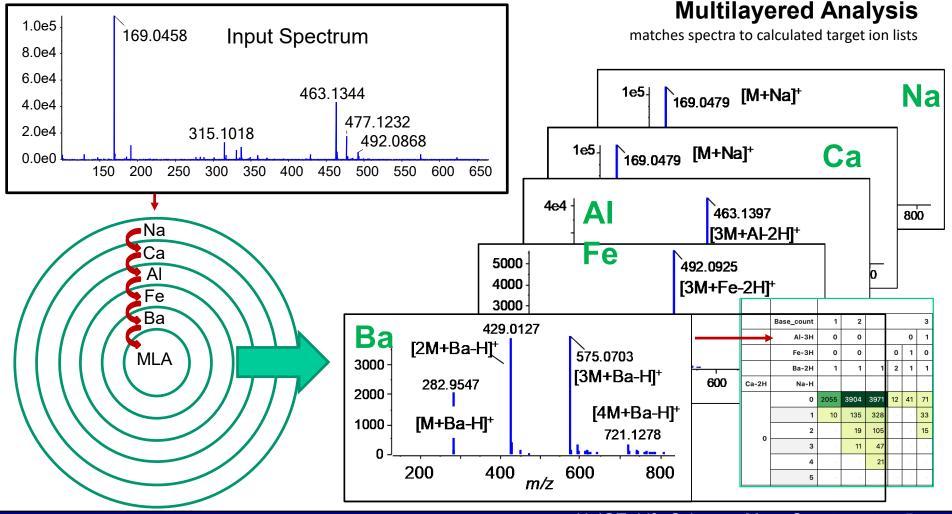


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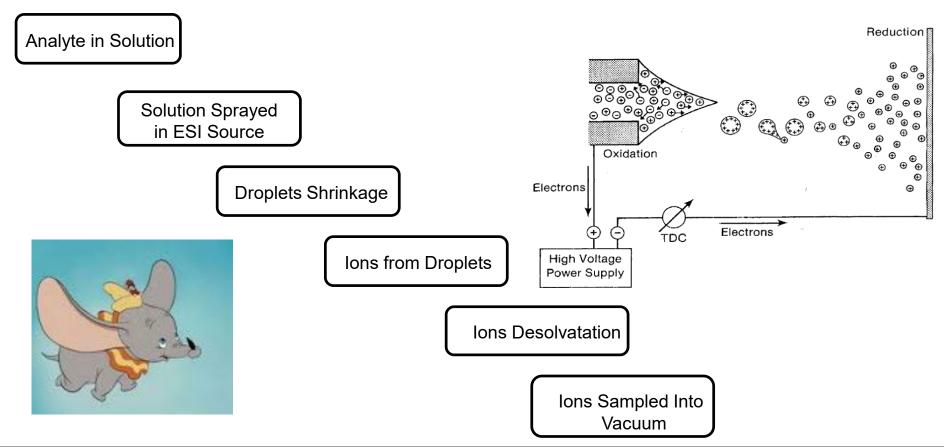


Adduct formation in electrospray ionisation-mass spectrometry with hydrophilic interaction liquid chromatography is strongly affected by the inorganic ion concentration of the samples

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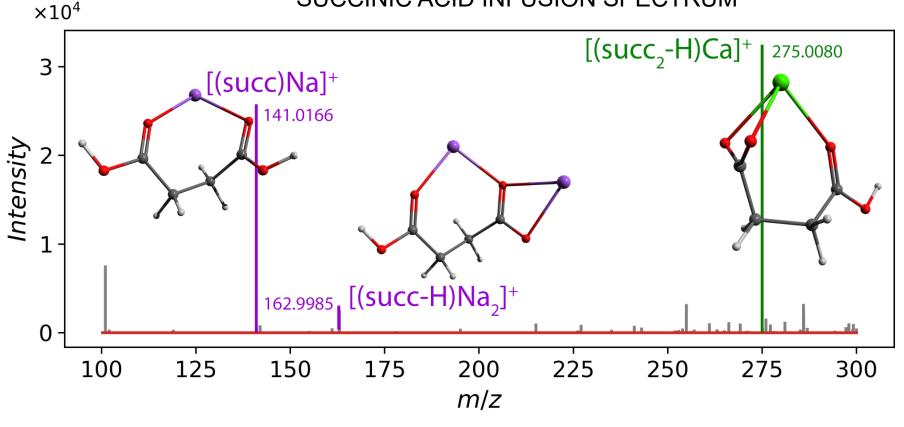


## ELECTROSPRAY WINGS FOR MOLECULAR ELEPHANTS from Ions in Solution to Gas Phase Ions



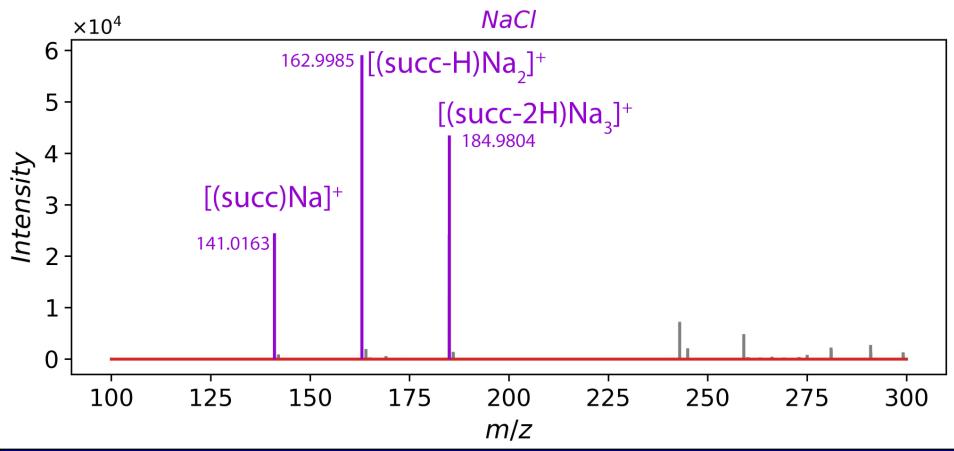
#### H<sup>+</sup> TRANSFER VS ADDUCT FORMATION

#### SUCCINIC ACID INFUSION SPECTRUM

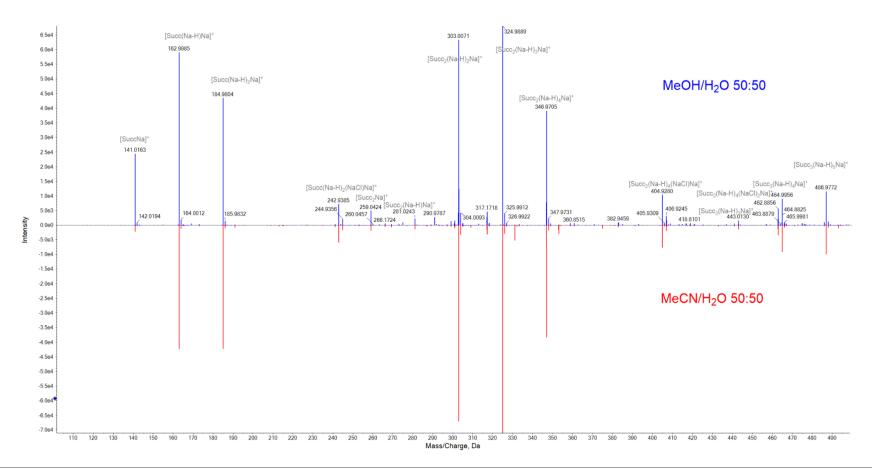


[(succ)H<sup>+</sup>] is not present

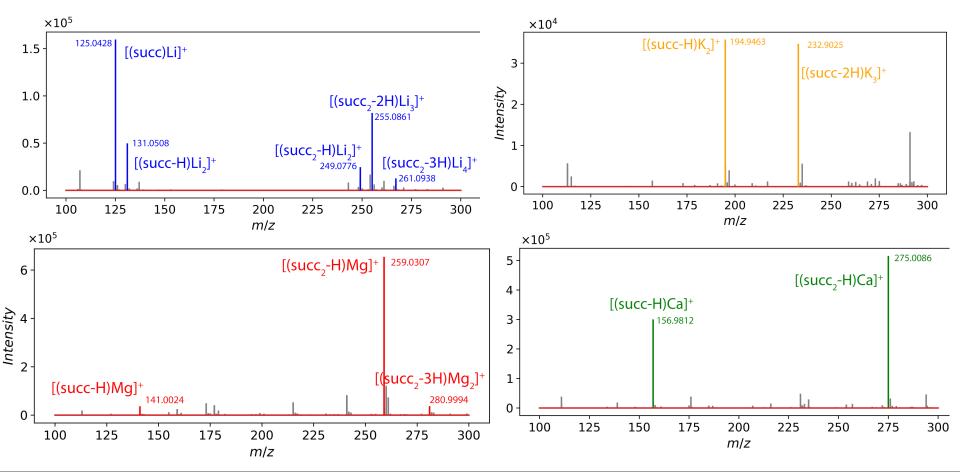
#### SUCCINIC ACID + 2mM NaCl



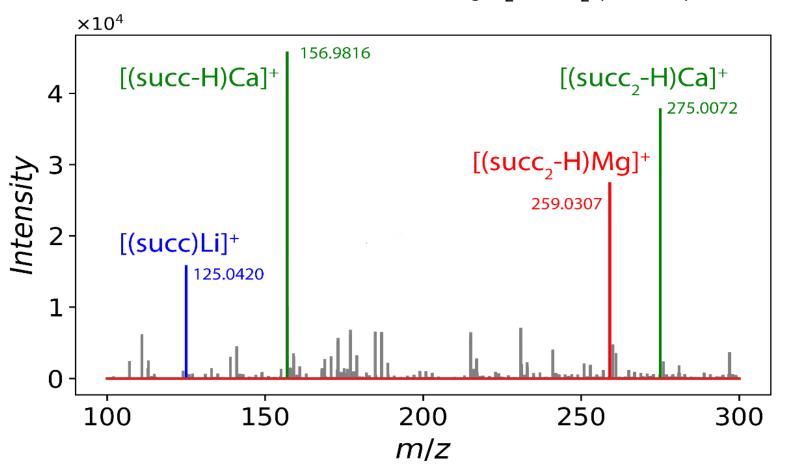
#### SOLVENT EFFECT: MeCN/H<sub>2</sub>O 50% VS MeOH/ H<sub>2</sub>O 50%



## SUCCINIC ACID + 2mM LiCl, KCl, MgCl<sub>2</sub> and CaCl<sub>2</sub>



#### MIXTURE OF LiCI, NaCl, KCl, MgCl<sub>2</sub>, CaCl<sub>2</sub> (c=2mM)



## Short introduction to comp. chemistry

- Empirical methods
- Semiempirical methods
- HF and post-HF methods
  - Ψ based approaches

DFT

ρ based approaches

Small region of the PES vs MD sampling

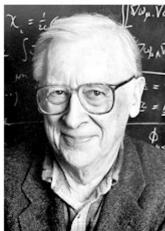
Difficulty with EI-MS: recorded intensity results from complex chemical kinetics and not from energy levels











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## **GLOBAL OPTIMIZATION**



**DFT** REFINEMENT



**FREQ** 

#### **XTB**

- **Basin Hopping**
- systematic variation of dihedrals

B3LYP (TZ2P)-D4 + COSMO

#### VACUM AND IMPLICIT SOLVATION

#### **EXPLICIT SOLVATION**

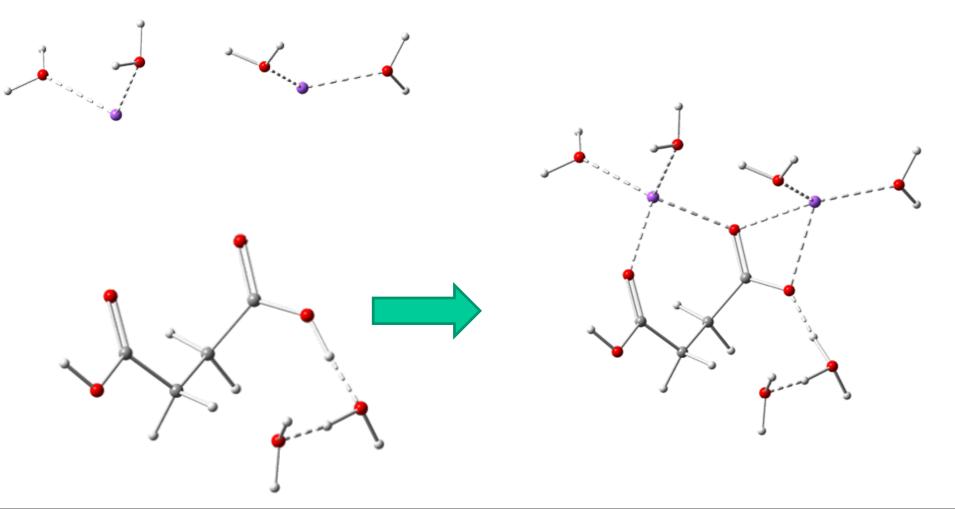


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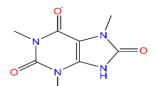
b) M<sup>+</sup> ions, M=Li, Na, K, H

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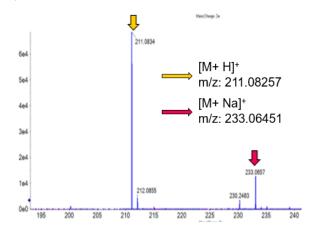
	ΔG PBE	ΔG B3LYP
[(succ-H)·Ca] <sup>+</sup>	-18.1	-17.0
(succ-H)·Mg]+	-30.9	-32.1
[(succ-H)·2K]+	10.8	12.0
[(succ-H)·2Li]+	-16.5	-16.4
[(succ-H)·Na]⁺	-2.8	-3.2
[succ·H]⁺	-0.3	1.9
[succ·K]+	6.3	6.4
[succ·Li] <sup>+</sup>	-7.9	-8.4
[succ·Na] <sup>+</sup>	0.2	0.4
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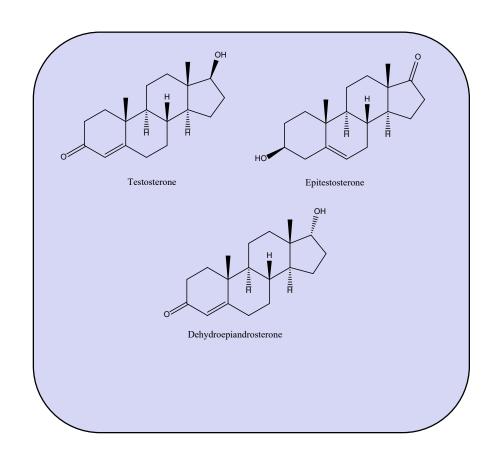


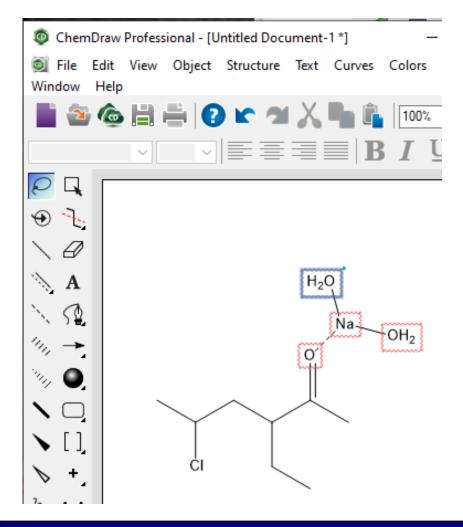
#### **ADITIONAL EXAMPLES**

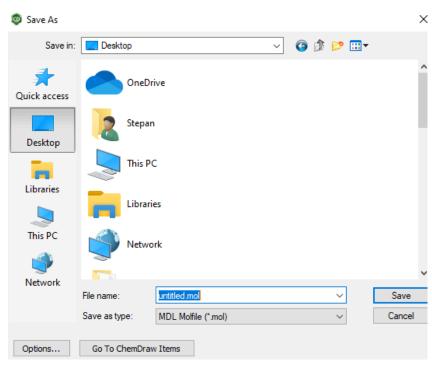


### 1,3,7 trimethyl uric acid







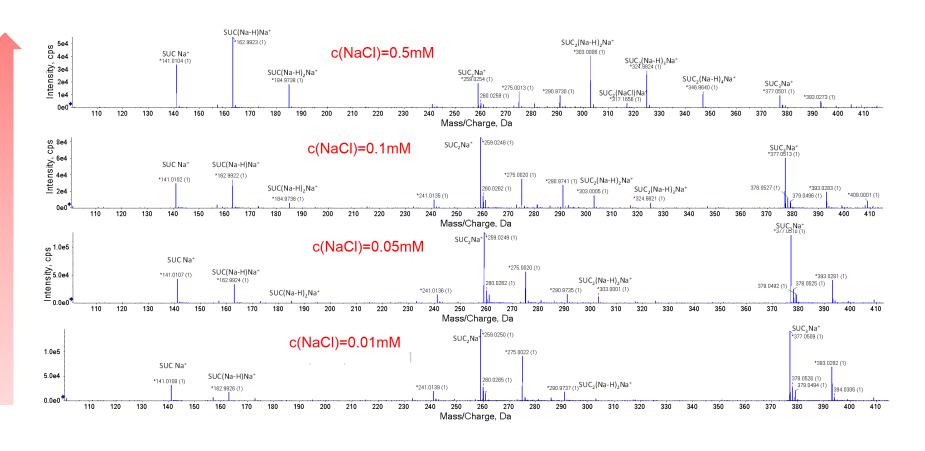


### Conclusions

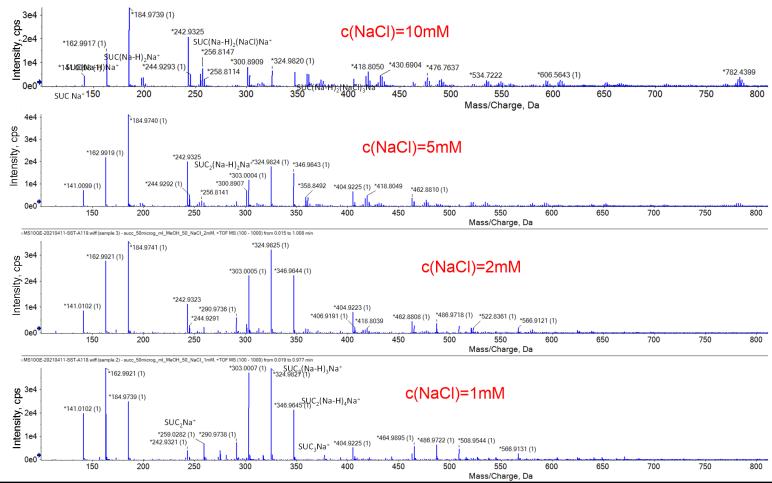
 $\Delta G$  estimation using explicitly solvated interaction center and DFT.

- 1) The model is applied on succinic acid but it is simple and easily extendable procedure
- 2) Simple thermodynamics of protonation/adduct formation correlates nicely with ionization efficiency
- 3) M<sup>2+</sup> ion adducts should no longer be neglected, especially when analytes possess strongly coordinating functional groups.

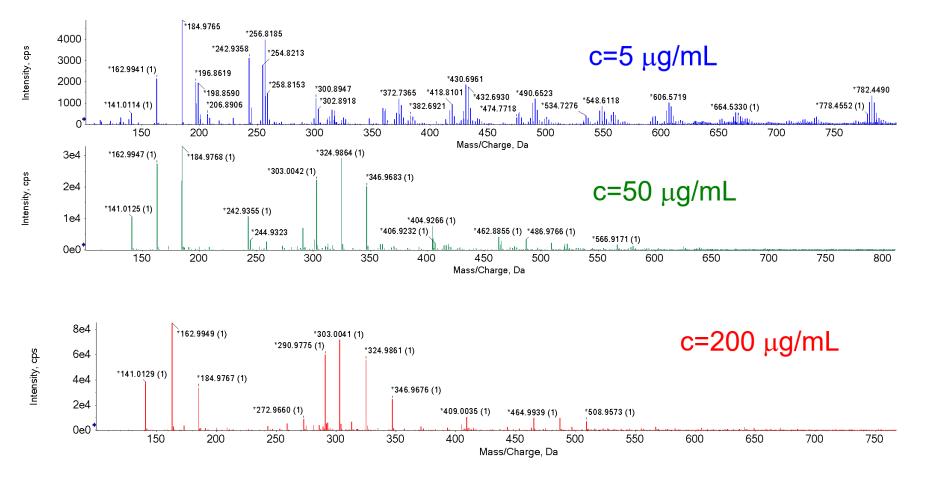
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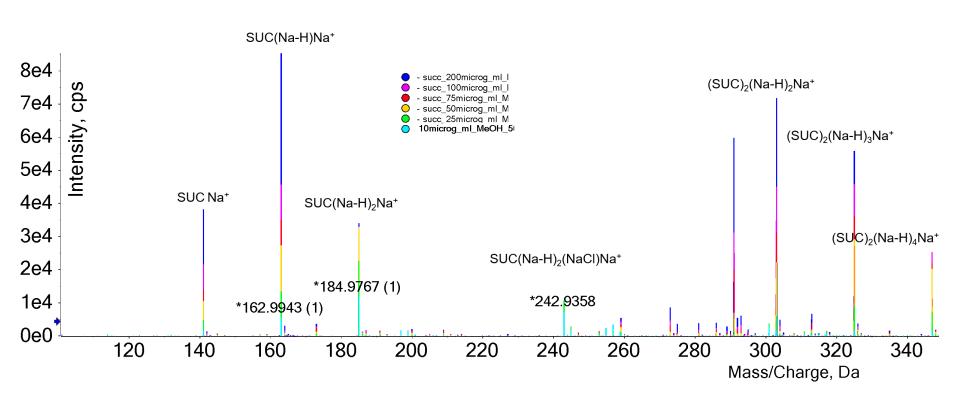
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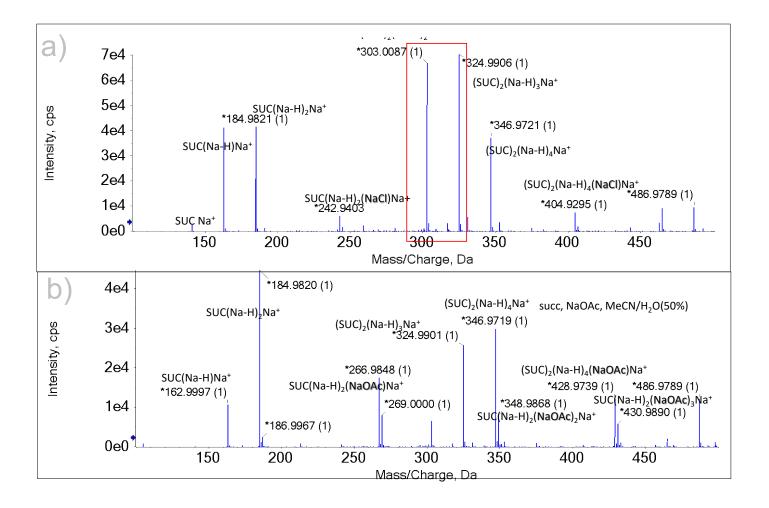


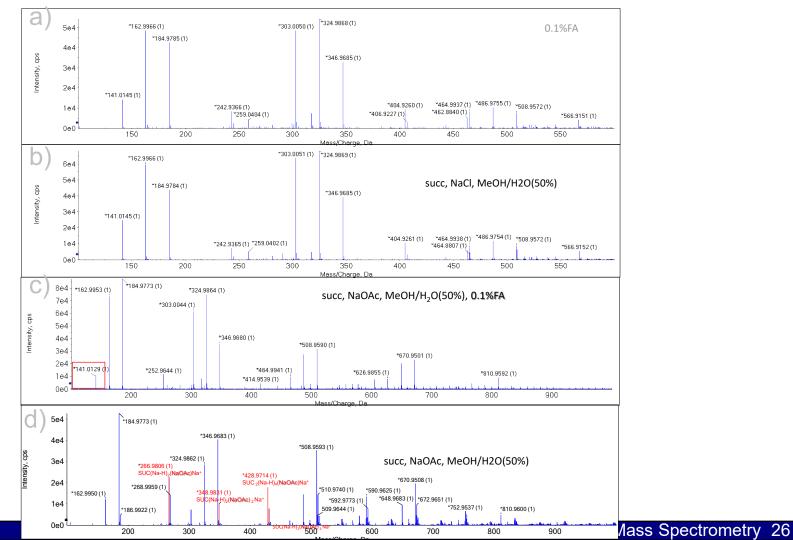
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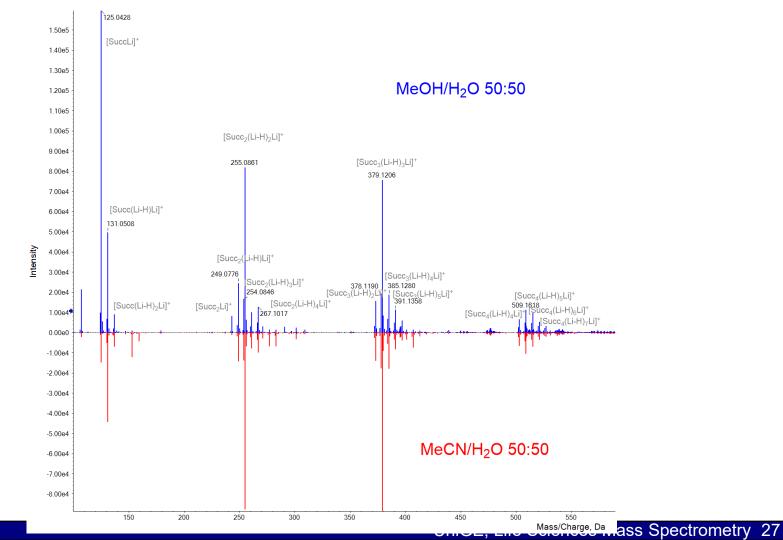


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Thank you for your attention!

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