

*BfR-Symposium*

**„Die Rolle der Bioverfügbarkeit im Rahmen der Risikobewertung am Beispiel  
Spurenelemente“**

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**Möglichkeiten zur Bestimmung der Bindungsform  
von Spurenelementen**  
**Methods for Element Speciation**

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## Definitions of terms related to speciation according to reference [1].



### Chemical species

Specific form of a chemical element defined as molecular or complex structure, or oxidation state.



### Speciation of an element

Distribution of defined chemical species of an element in a system.



### Speciation analysis.

The analytical activity of identifying and measuring chemical species  
—→ identifying and measuring = a clear identification of the species  
+ exact quantification + representative sample + quality controlled.



### Operationally and functionally defined species characterization

**Operationally** = characterization of molecule groups (not single species) according to the similar behaviour during an analytical procedure, such as extraction. The identification of the single species is missing.

**Functionally:** = characterization of molecule groups concerning their impact on e.g. organisms.

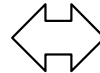
[1] Templeton D M, Ariese F, Cornelis R, Danielsson .-G, Muntau H, van Leeuwen H P, Lobinski R. 2000. Pure Applied Chem 72: 1453 – 1470.

## **Examples for chemical element species**

- 1. Different oxidation state**
- 2. Metal-organyles:**
- 3. Organo-metal-complexes**
- 4. Ionic species and hydrated ions**
- 5. Metalspecies present as highly disperse colloides**
- 6. colloid-bonded metals**

**Speciation analysis concepts should be introduced into all steps of an analytical process:**

- Sampling
- Storage
- Sample preparation
- Analysis
  - Choosing the most suitable method



**Quality management and quality control**

**Avoid...**

- Contamination
- Losses
- Species conversions
  - by oxidation
  - by bacterial activity

**Provide...**

- Clear species identification
  - by orthogonal identification concepts

## Quality control

### **...sampling:**

- **Sample representativity;**
- **Short sampling time;**
- **Avoid contamination;**
- **Keep volume/surface ratio high: less container wall effects;**
- **Use sampling devices from PEEK or quartz:  
Stainless steel devices can cause contamination (Fe, Ni, Cr, Mn) and species transformation;**

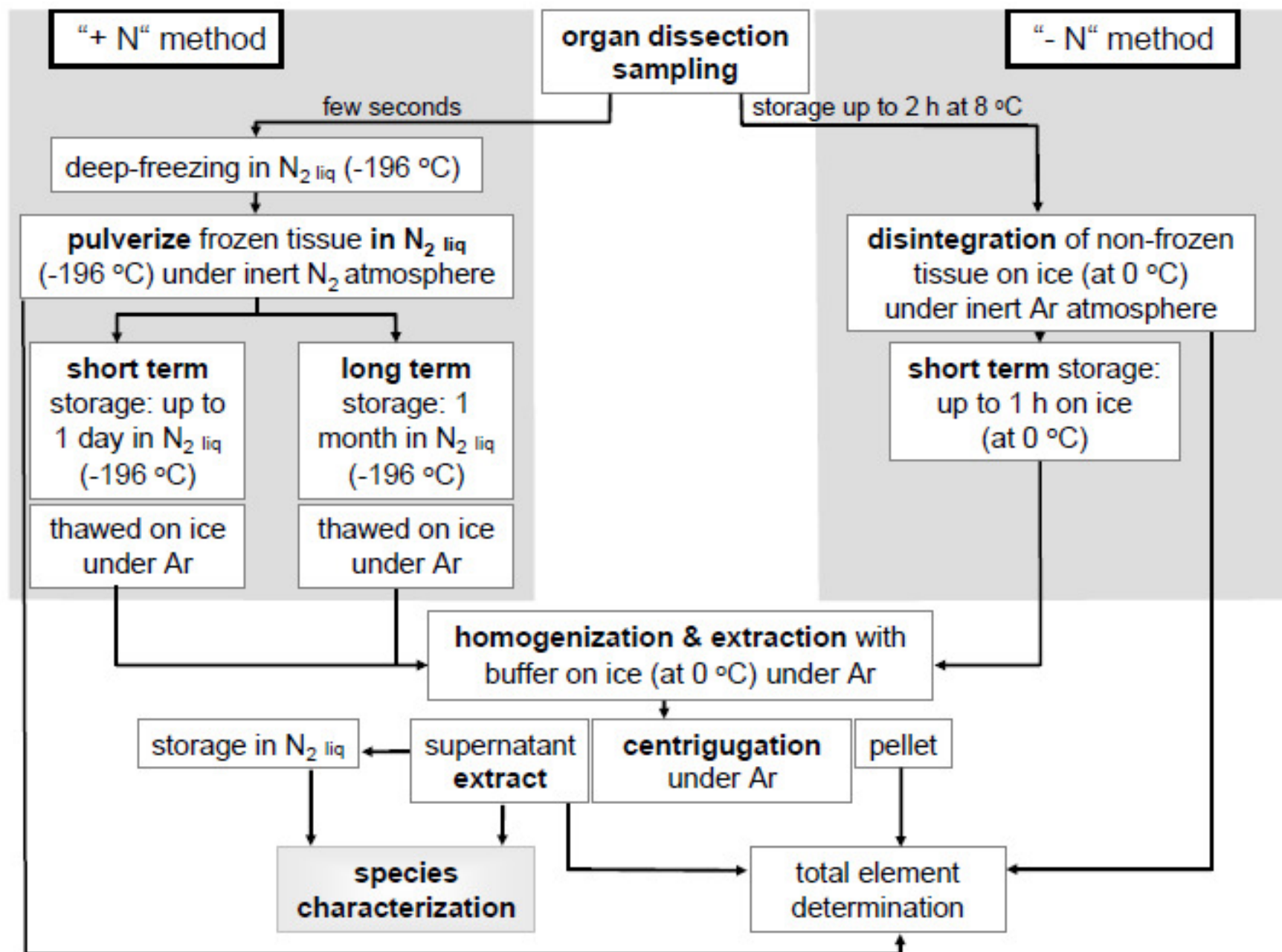
## Quality control

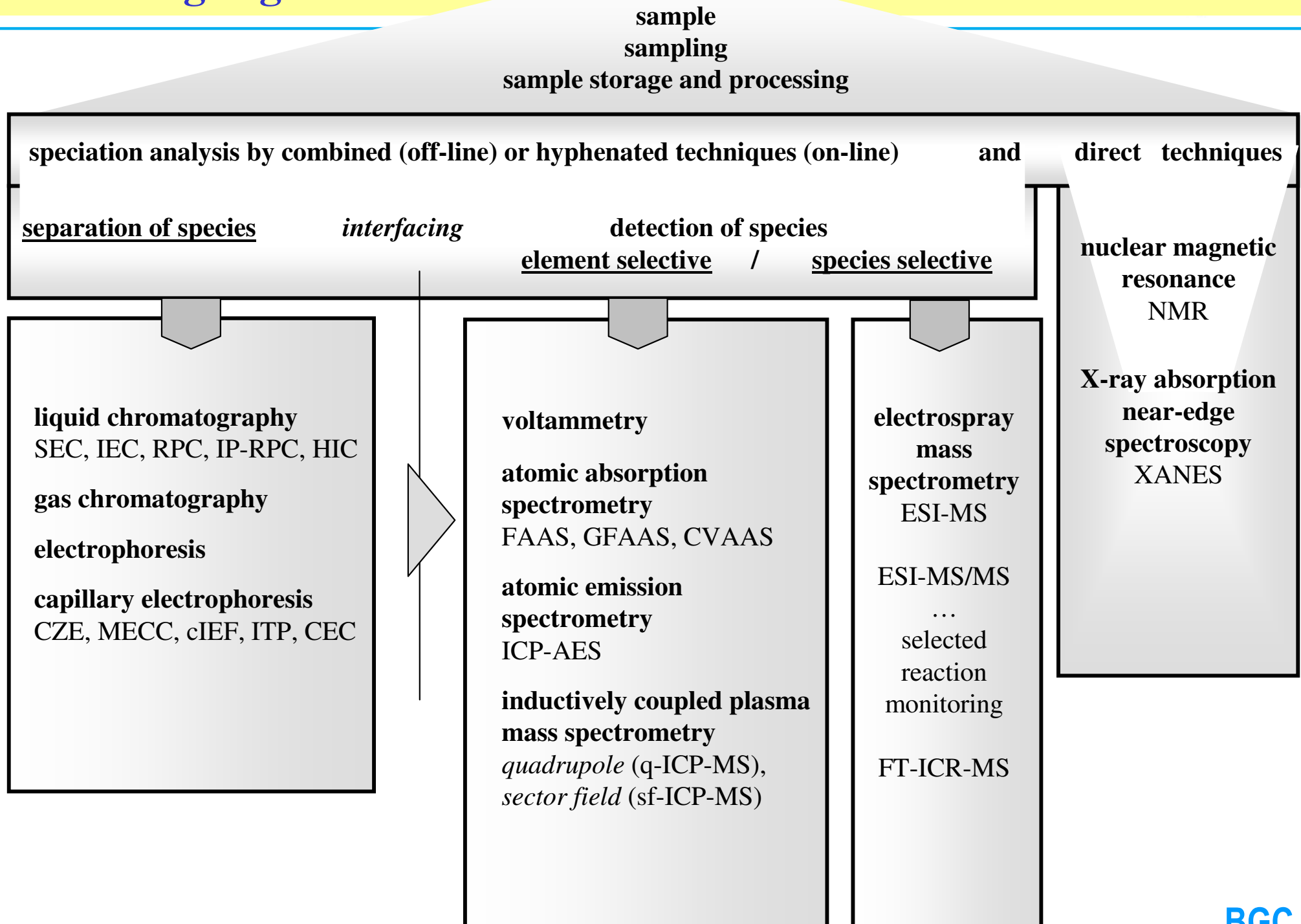
<b>...storage:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•Short storage at 4 °C, long term storage : N<sub>2</sub> liq shock freezing and storage in N<sub>2</sub> liq or at -80 °C;</li></ul>
<b>...sample preparation:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•Extraction procedures result mostly in „operationally defined“ species characterization:</li><li>•Chose carefully extraction parameter and/or use species preserving extraction schemes:  <u>E.g. aiming for:</u> <b>Water soluble species:</b> (hot) water extraction  <b>Digestion (stomach, intestine):</b> extraction with simulated gastric juice extraction with proteases extraction with lysozyme  <b>native species (unchanged):</b> pH adopted, low temperature, no O<sub>2</sub></li><li>•Mass balances and recovery rates should be determined (species spikes).</li></ul>

## Extraction schemes

Diederich &amp; Michalke 2010



Nischwitz, Michalke, Kettrup 2003



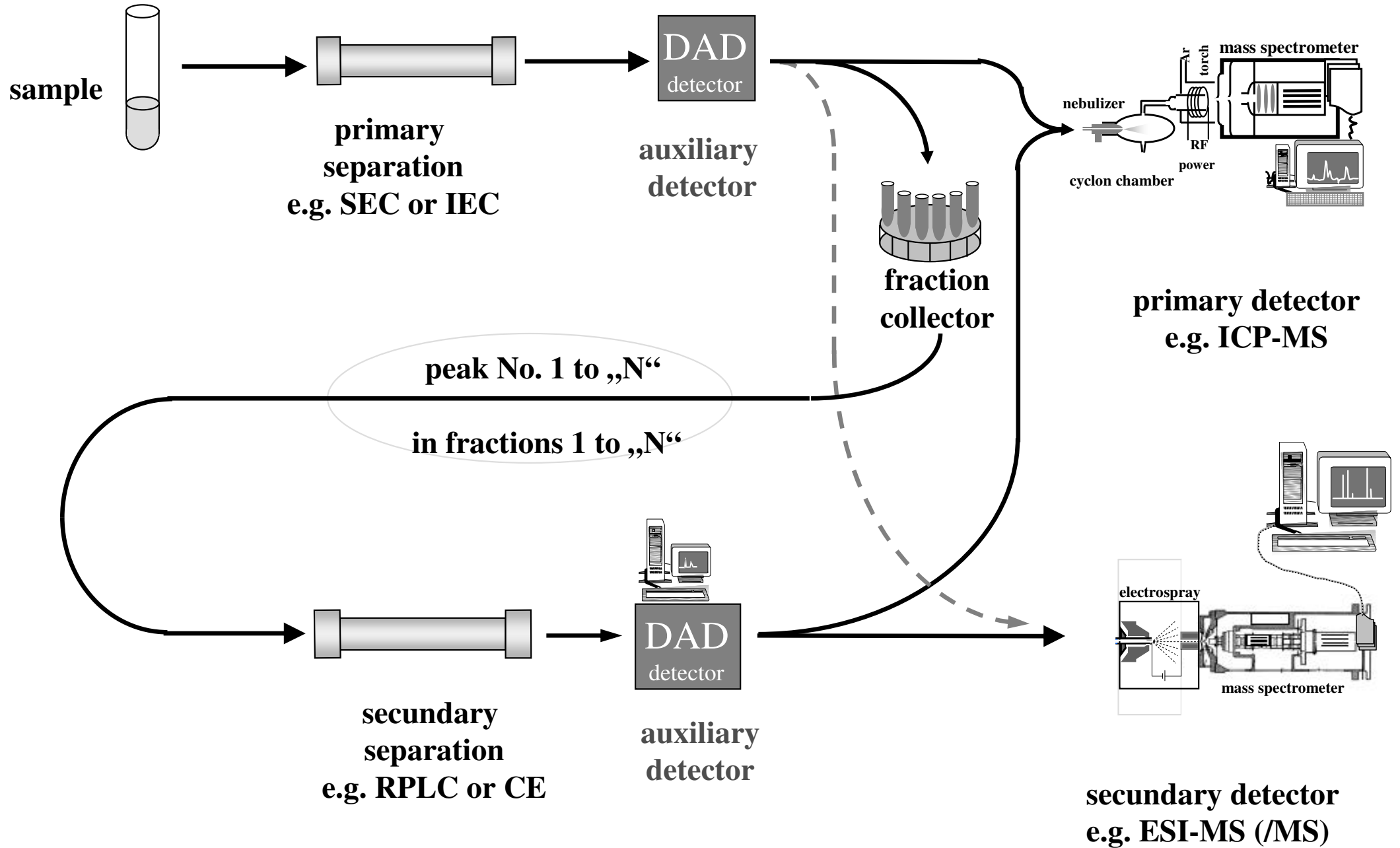




separation	positive aspects	negative aspects
<b>SEC</b>	<p>Mass characterization of unknown compounds</p> <p>Gentle method, mostly preserving even labile biomolecules</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Limited peak capacity</li> <li>Incomplete resolution of peaks in natural samples</li> <li>Electrostatic effects, adsorption, hydrophobic interaction observed</li> </ul>
<b>IEC</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>High separation efficiency and wide applicability</li> <li>Relative retention can be governed by three variables</li> <li>(pH, ionic strength, nature of ion exchanger)</li> <li>IEC is predestined for separation of covalently bound element species</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pore size must be adopted to species</li> <li>Changes in column temperature may result in changed column efficiency and selectivity</li> <li>Loosely bound metal ions get lost or replaced</li> </ul>
<b>RPLC and IP-RPLC</b>	<p>Wide analyte spectrum</p> <p>Very efficient separation</p> <p>High flexibility</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Undesired adsorption effects</li> <li>Eluents may change species/destabilization</li> <li>Loosely bound elements get released</li> <li>Species transfer reactions</li> <li>Use of organic solvents: changes in ionization characteristics, destabilization of plasma or extinction, polyatomic C-interferences, C precipitation, flash over</li> </ul>
<b>CE</b>	<p>Very efficient separation</p> <p>Different separation principles available (CZE, IEF, MEKC, ITP, CEC)</p> <p>Short analysis time</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Worse concentration detection limits</li> <li>Need for interface designs for hyphenation</li> <li>Suction flow during hyphenation</li> </ul>

method	positive aspects	negative aspects
AAS	<p>comparatively cheap element selective detectors</p> <p><b>HGAAS: selective derivatization for matrix separation and detectibility of species</b></p> <p>GFAAS shows best (AAS) detection sensitivity</p>	<p>FAAS shows insufficient detection sensitivity</p> <p><b>The detector response is strongly species dependent</b></p> <p>GFAAS: unsuitable for on-line coupling due to discontinuous measurement</p>
ICP-AES	<p>multi-element capability and high sensitivity</p> <p><b>on-time multi element monitoring in hyphenated systems possible</b></p>	<p>for ultra-trace levels insufficient</p>
ICP-MS	<p>detection selectivity, multi-element capability best sensitivity</p> <p><b>suitable for ultra-trace levels (especially sf-ICP-MS)</b></p> <p>isotope information</p> 	<p>polyatomic interferences (q-ICP-MS !)</p> <p><b>monitoring of several isotopes of one element necessary</b></p> <p>sequential detector: if too much isotopes in parallel the detector gets too slow for highly resolved, fast appearing peaks</p>
ESI-MS	<p>suitable for extremely low flow rates</p> <p><b>the whole species is detected</b></p> <p>capability to produce multi-charged ions: analysis up to MW = 200 000 possible</p> <p><b>MS/MS mode :structural information</b></p> 	<p>ion-solvent clusters</p> <p><b>electrolytic processes: generating new species, species transformation</b></p> <p>gas phase ligand exchange</p> <p><b>gas phase intra molecular charge transfer</b></p>

# orthogonal speciation scheme



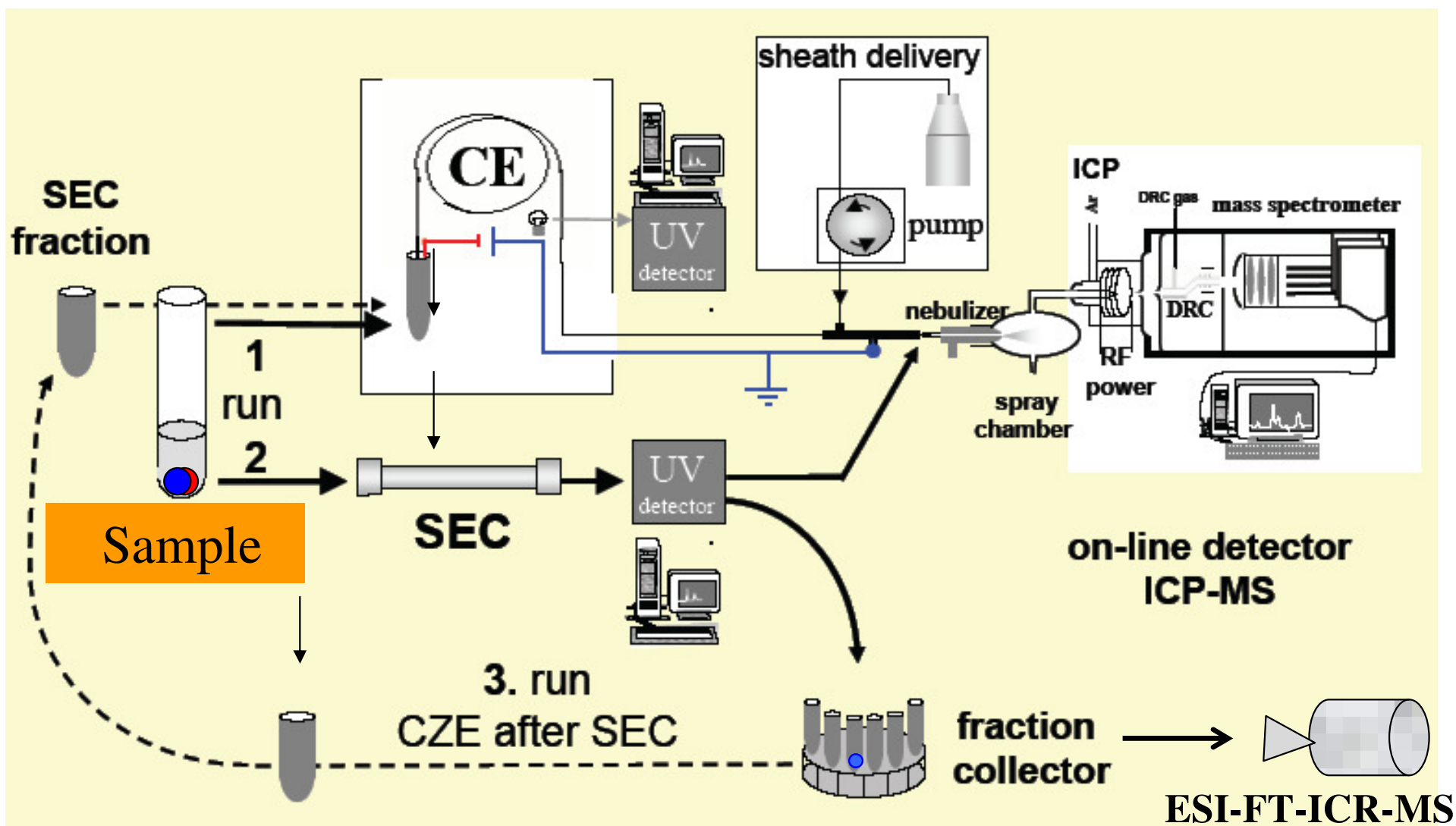
**Bioavailability**

—————→ barrier: intestine

**Example for speciation analysis at**

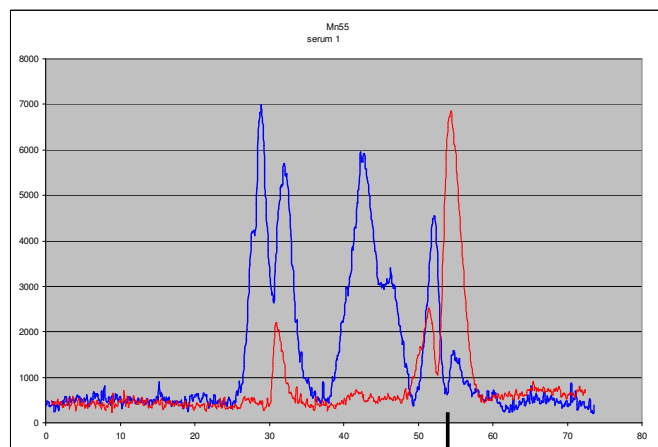
—————→ blood brain barrier:

Mn speciation in paired serum / CSF samples

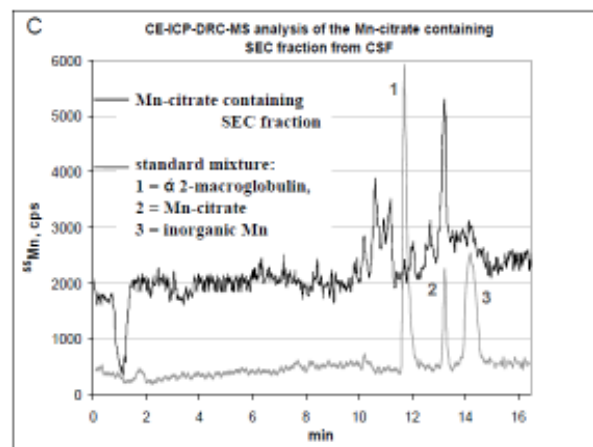


Example for 2D- orthogonal identification:  
Mn-speciation

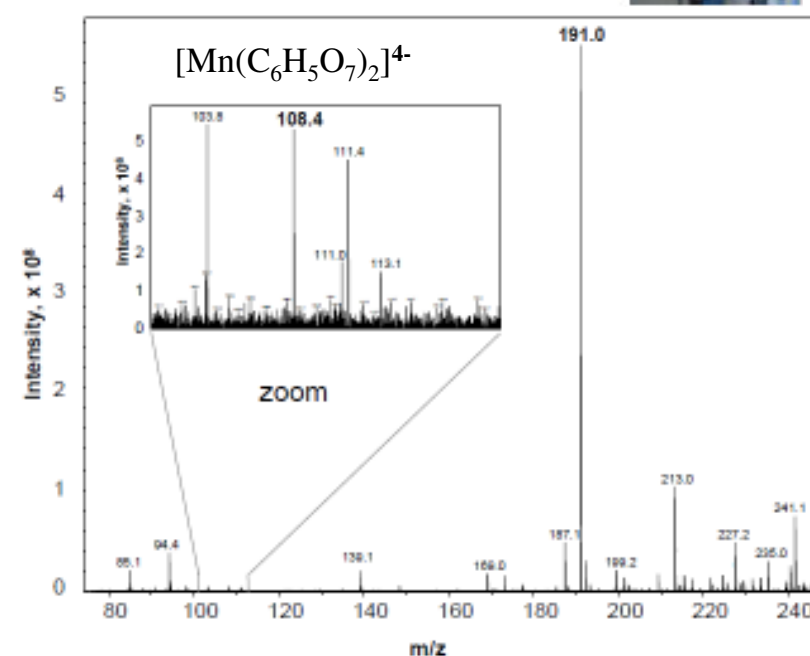
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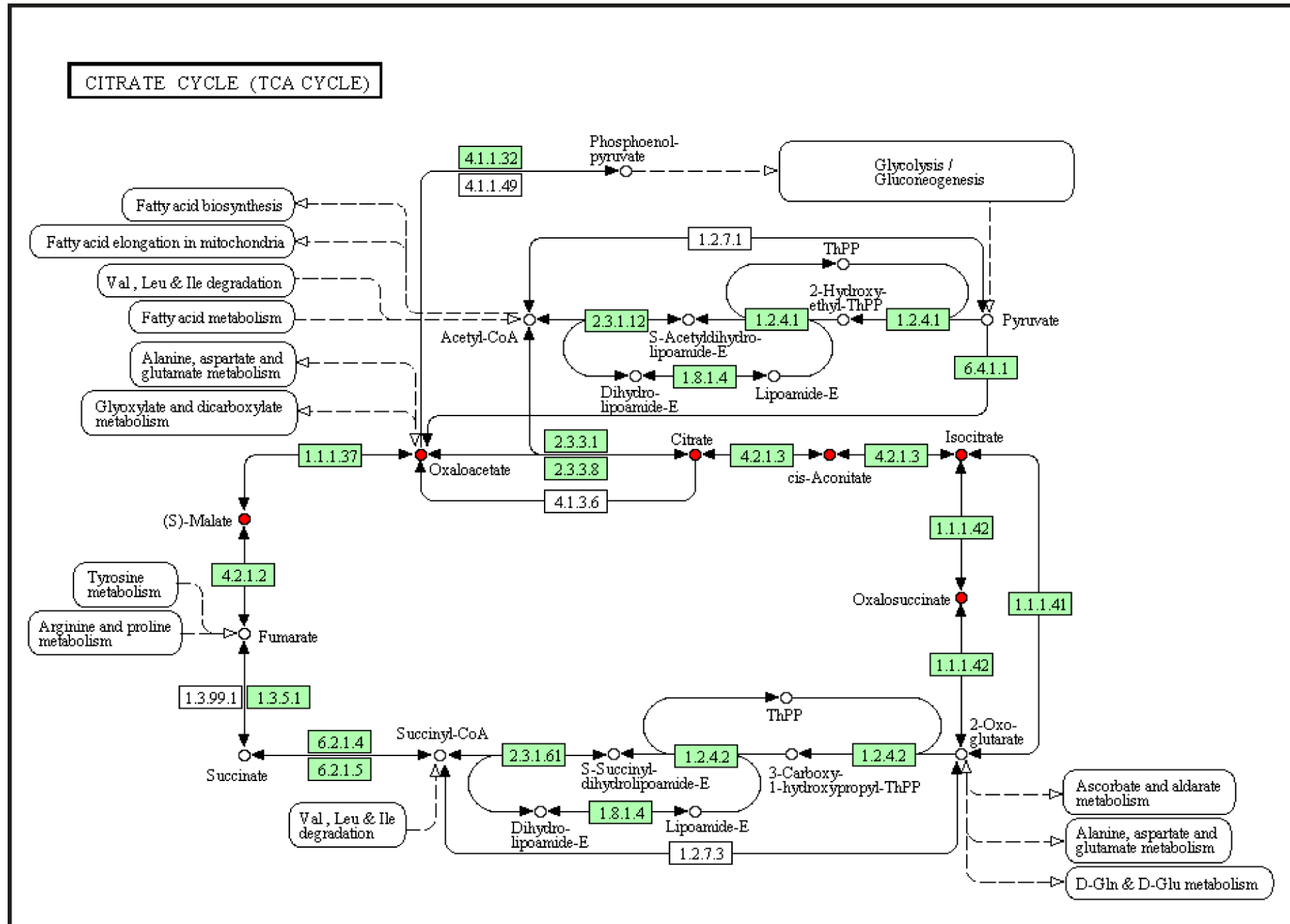
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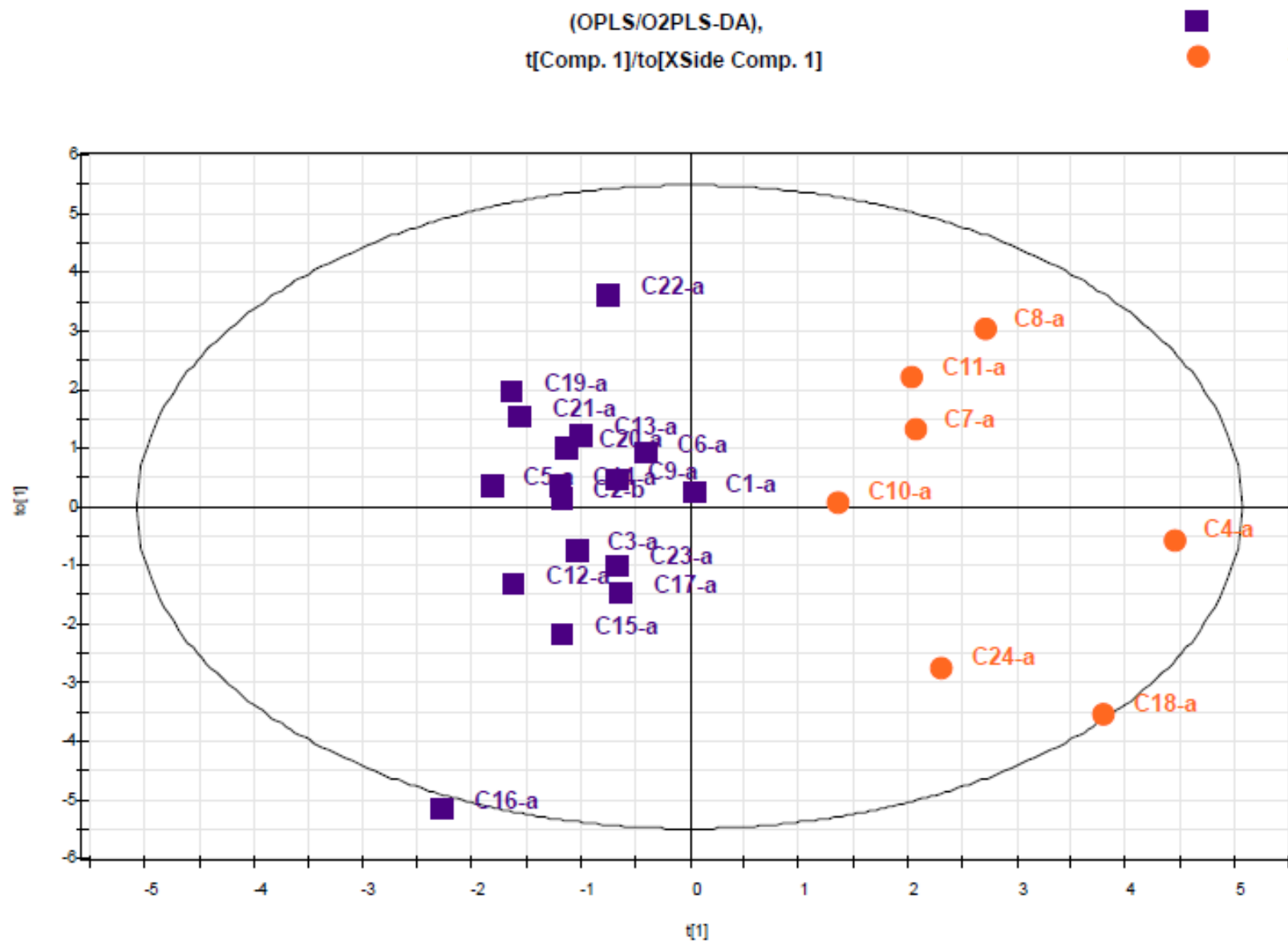


ESI-FT-ICR-MS



## Analysis with ESI-FT-ICR-MS and processing with MassTrix © Helmholtz Zentrum München







## in paired samples

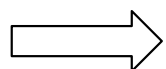
Total Mn concentration in CSF versus Mn-total, Mn-Tf or Mn-Citrate, each in serum:

**Mn-total in CSF** is related to

**Mn-transferrin** in serum for  $\text{Mn}_{\text{total}(\text{serum})} < 1.55 \mu\text{g/L}$

but is related to

**Mn-citrate** in serum for  $\text{Mn}_{\text{total}(\text{serum})} > 1.55 \mu\text{g/L}$



**Potential for *future methods for biomonitoring***



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**Thank you for your attention**

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**- specifically related  
to neurodegenerative  
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