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# Quantitative HPTLC surface analysis by DART-MS scanning



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TLC/HPTLC-MS

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LC-MS

HPLC-MS

#### Desorption-based HPTLC-DART-MS



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## 2006 - 2010

- Horizontal ion source angle
- Manual and linear plate introduction
- Low reproducibility
- Low spatial resolution





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## SVP-A quantitative surface scanning





Introduction of DART SVPA in 2009 with controllable sample carrier.

# 2011 - 2014

- Adjustable ion source angle
- Linear SVPA to angled SVPA-3DSα
- Impact area stabilized as scan track
- High spatial resolution and ion catch





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- 1. Modified source cap and transfer tube design
- 2. Angled y-axis and TLC sampling carrier
- 3. Vertical stabilizer for carrier movements



Visualization via heat sensitive

 $\rightarrow$  2-3 mm inner impact zone

ion source angles: 0°-90° exposure time 4-20 s

ionization region

HPTLC plate: gas flow: 3 L/min gas heater: 300 °C

#### Impact area and heat distribution

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- Modified 1 mm source cap
- 40°-angled ion source
- Standard transfer tube
- Horizontal 3DS sample carrier

 $\rightarrow$  Gas stream scattering after contact with the impact area





#### Impact area with optimized configuration

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- Optimized configuration: gas flow: 2-3 L/min gas heater: 400 °C ion source angle: 60° carrier angle: 20° exposure time 1-10 s Scan speed: 0.2 and 1.0 mm/s
- → Inner impact zone < 1 x 3 mm</p>



- 60°-angled ion source
- Modified transfer tube nozzle
- 20°-angled **3DSa TLC carrier**
- Vertical stabilizer
- → Gas stream focusing due to lateral air suction of the transfer nozzle





- **5 scan procedures** over 5 bands; each 900 ng/band BE
- Homogenous signal intensities and constant signal decay for multiple scan runs



- Calibration gradients drift due to deviations of the surface and substance window alignment.



- Good response with determination coefficients  $R^2 0.9937 \pm 0.0029$  and  $0.9906 \pm 0.0039$ 

substance windows on 5 plates



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## Hyphenations: HPTLC-DART-MS

## Spatial resolution

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- 3 x 53 band pattern of 30 ng/band ME, EE and BE
- Overlaid EIC chromatograms
- Substance band distance **1.5 mm**
- FWHM: **0.8 mm**
- FDHM: 4 s

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Conclusions

- Desorption and Ionization in the flow of the DART gas stream
- No solvents or additional Laser equipment involved
- Scanning analysis across HPTLC track or substance window
- Semi-destructive, repeated scans or delay on same zone possible
- Additional information from DART ionization mass spectra
- **Quantitation capability** for a wide range of analytes
- High sensitivity for analytes adsorbed or dissolved in a matrix
- No automated track positioning and ion source control
- No ion concentration from transfer nozzle to MS inlet

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