

Comprehensivity and hyphenation in analysis of fats

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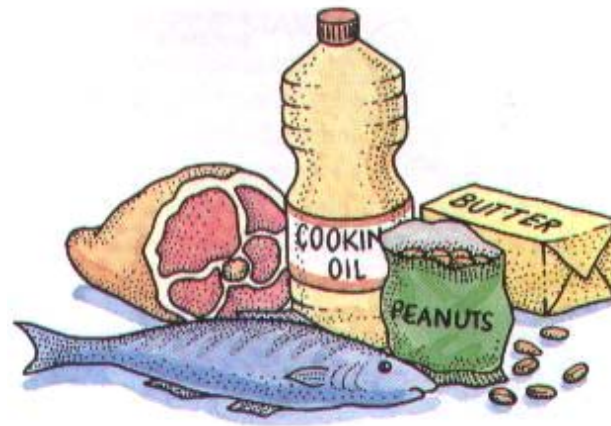
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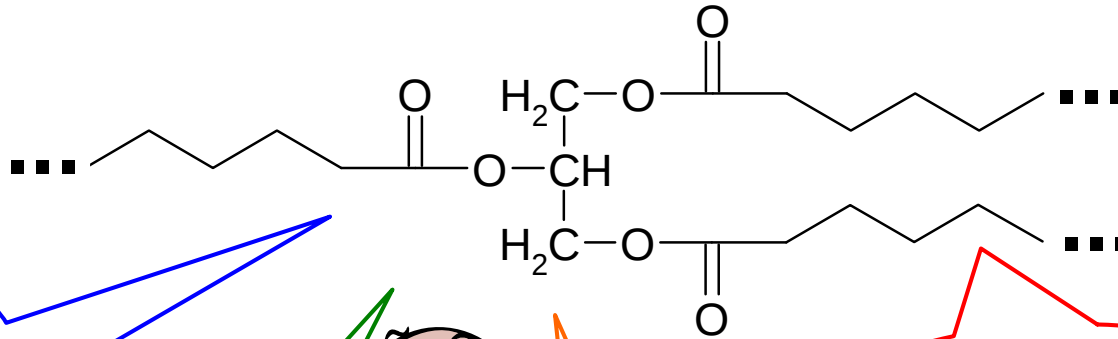


Fat is good?!



Murphy Law: Everything nice
during life is immoral, illegal or
gets **FAT**!

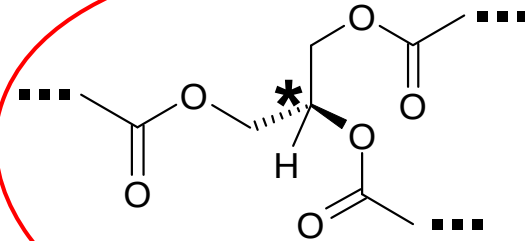
Triglycerides: TGs



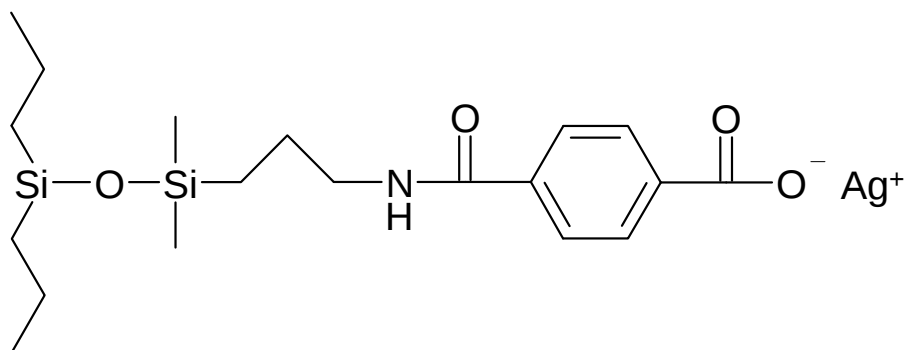
TGs
DGs
MGs
FFA

Position:
SOL $\neq$ OLS $\neq$ OSL

-saturated;
-unsaturated
-polyunsaturated
-place of the =



Chiral!



SFC

Column: Nucleosil 100-5 SA (Ag⁺) form, 25 cm L x 4.6 mm i.d. x 5 um d.p.

Column temperature: 65 °C;

Pressure: 150 bar (2 min) ↗ 300 bar: [1.5 bar/min]

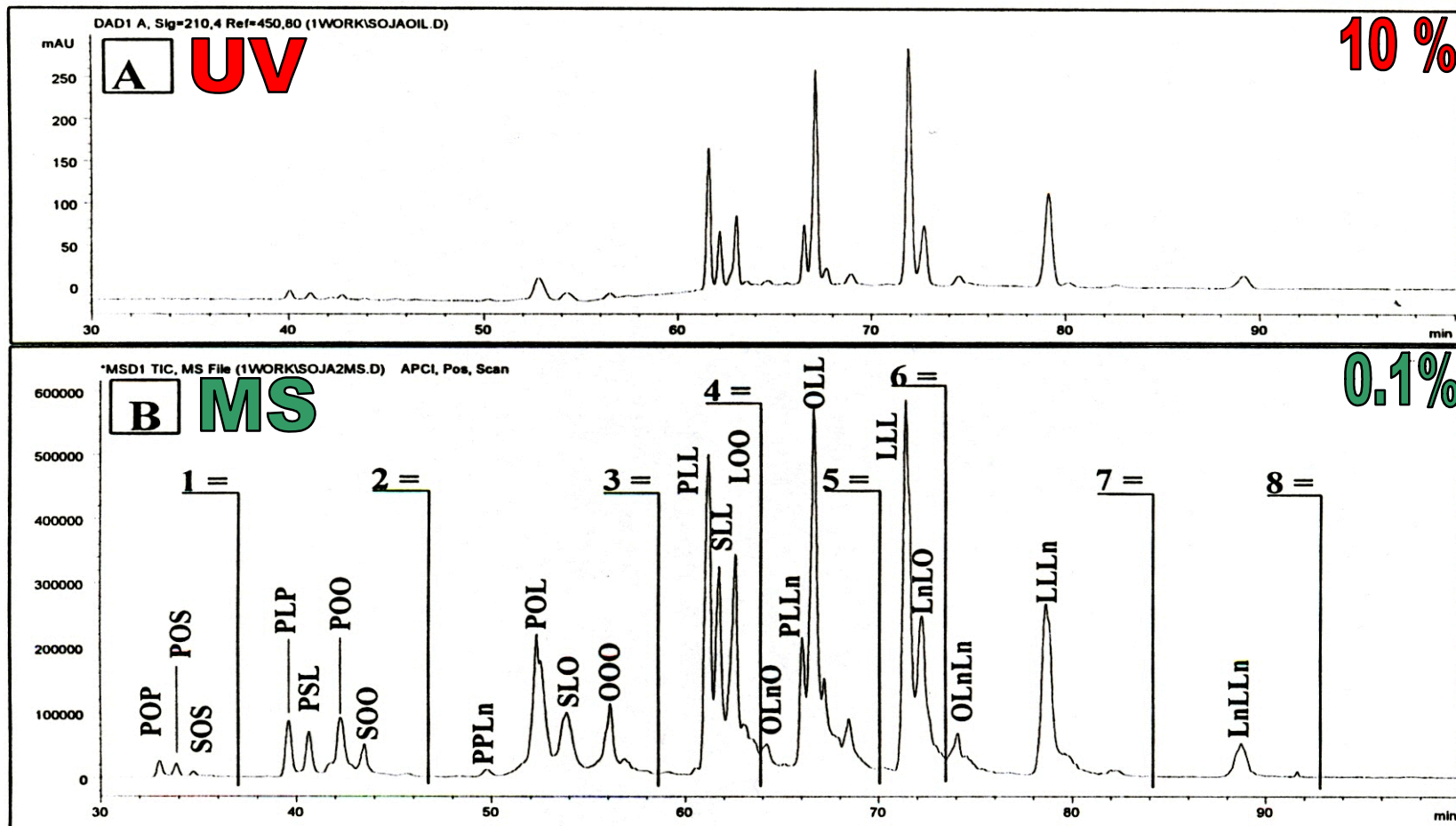
Modifier: ACN/2-PrOH : 6/4

Modifier programming: 1.2% (2 min) ↗ 7.2% (28 min): [0.3%/min] ↗ 12.2%:
[0.54%/min]

Flow rate: 1 mL/min

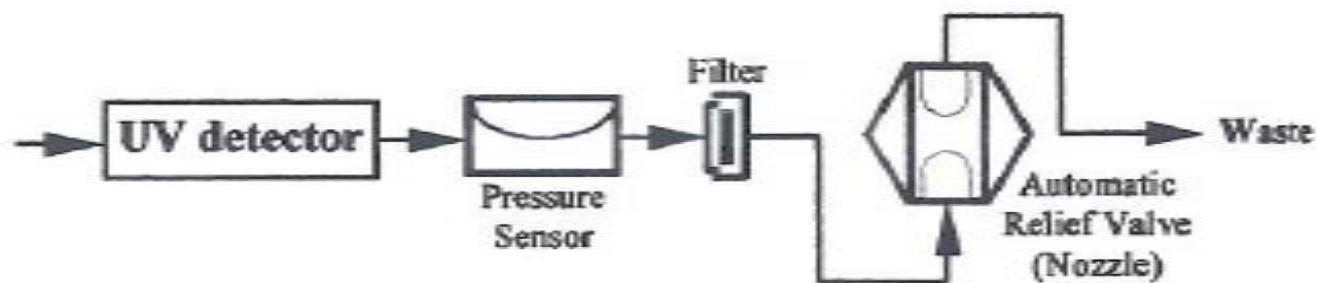
Structural identification / confirmation ability

pSFC/MS of TGs in fats

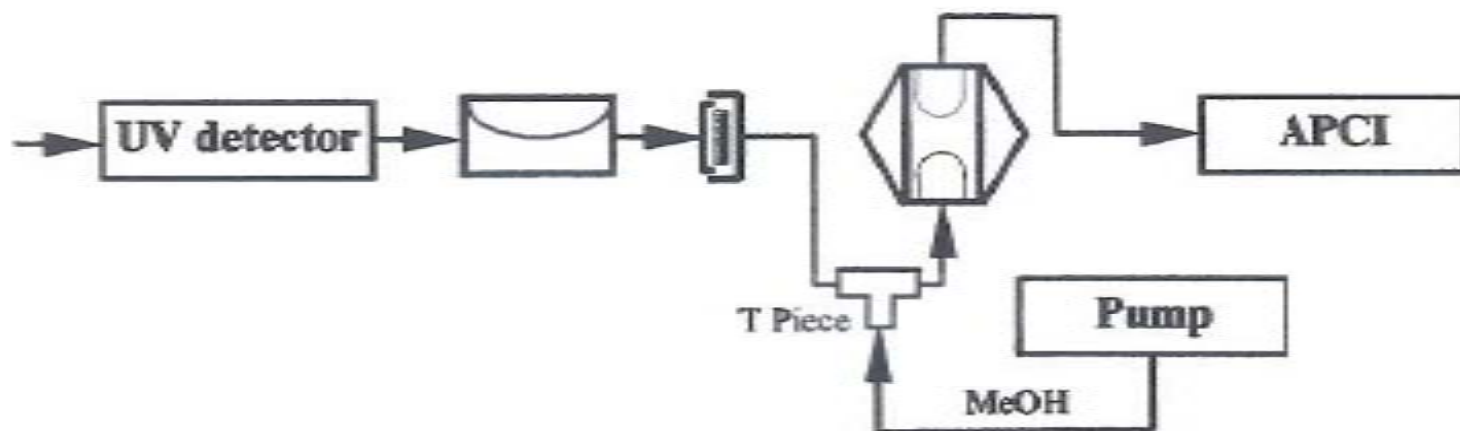


NDB first, CN within groups

PSFC / MS interfacing !



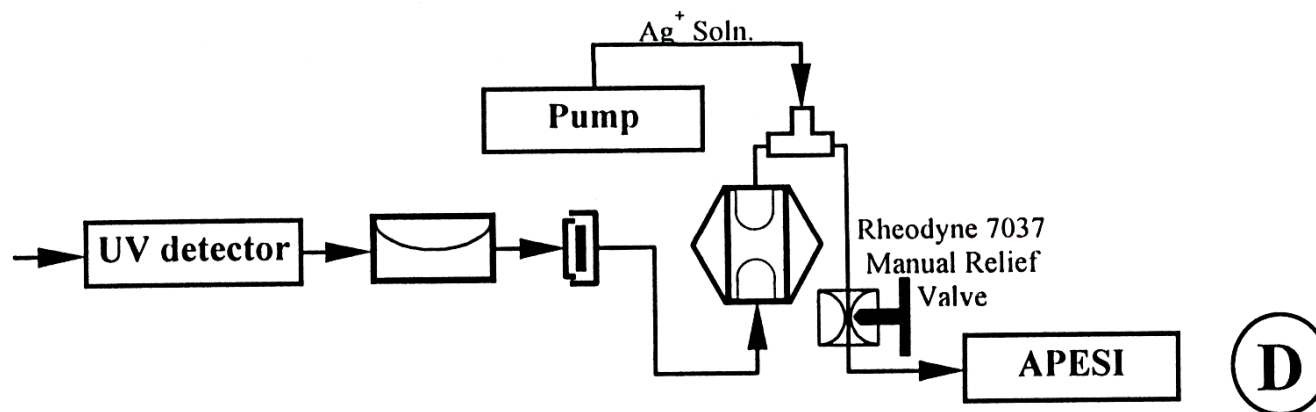
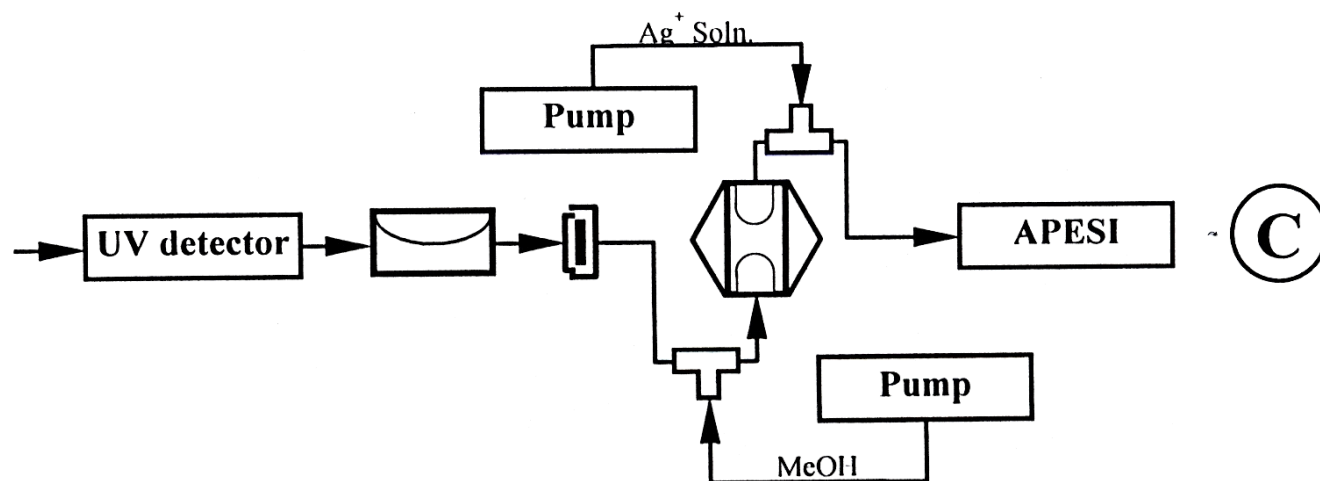
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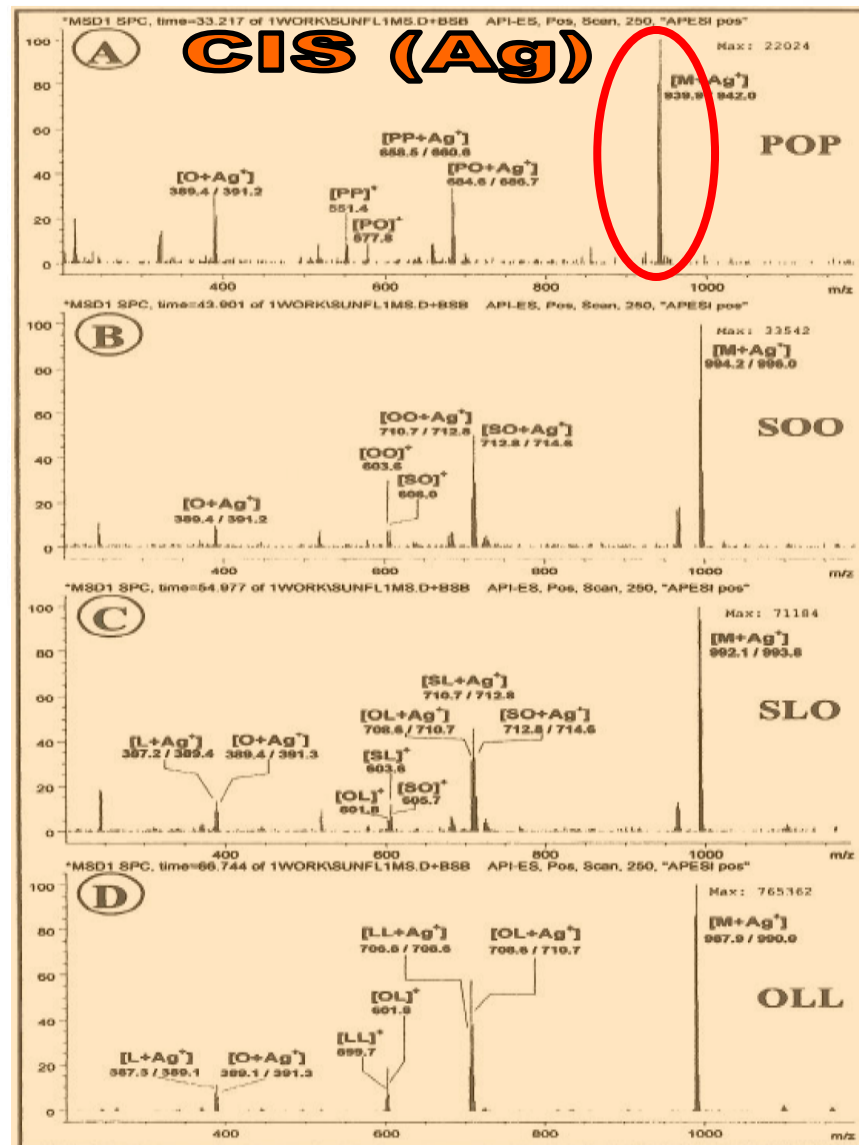
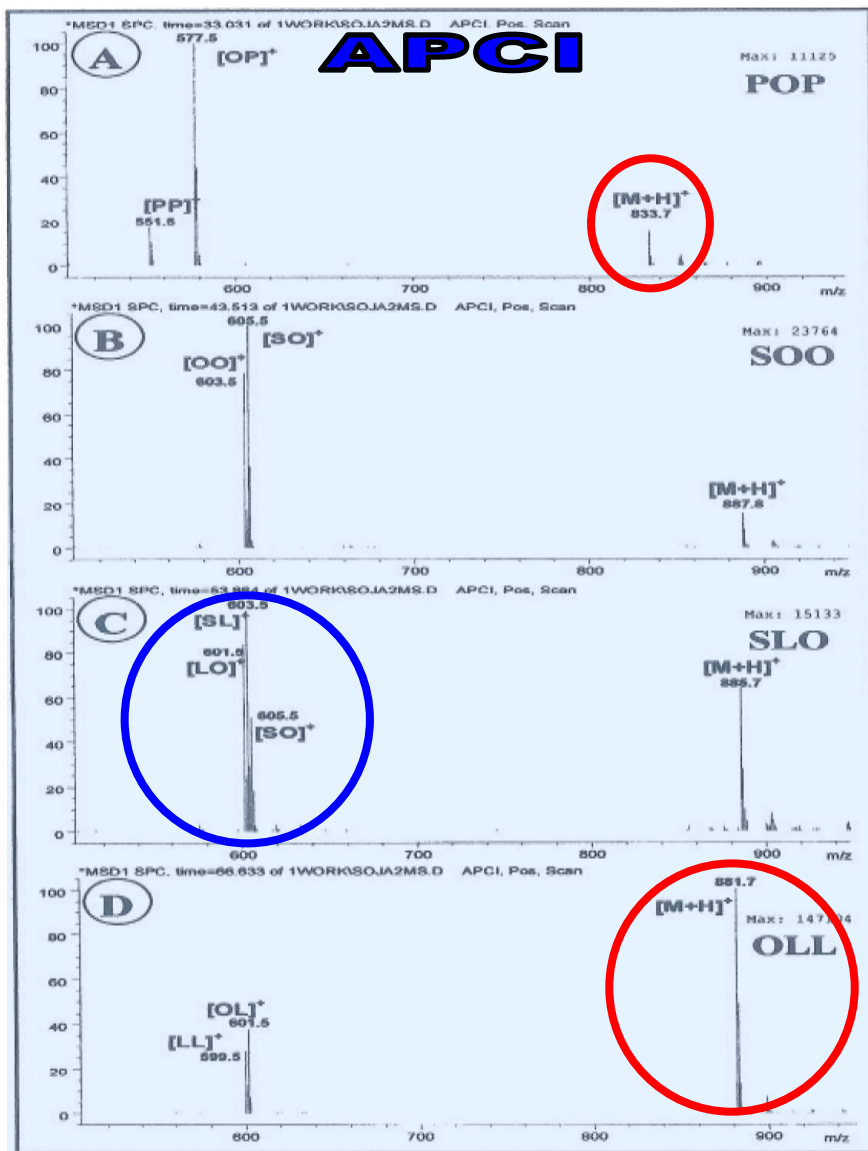


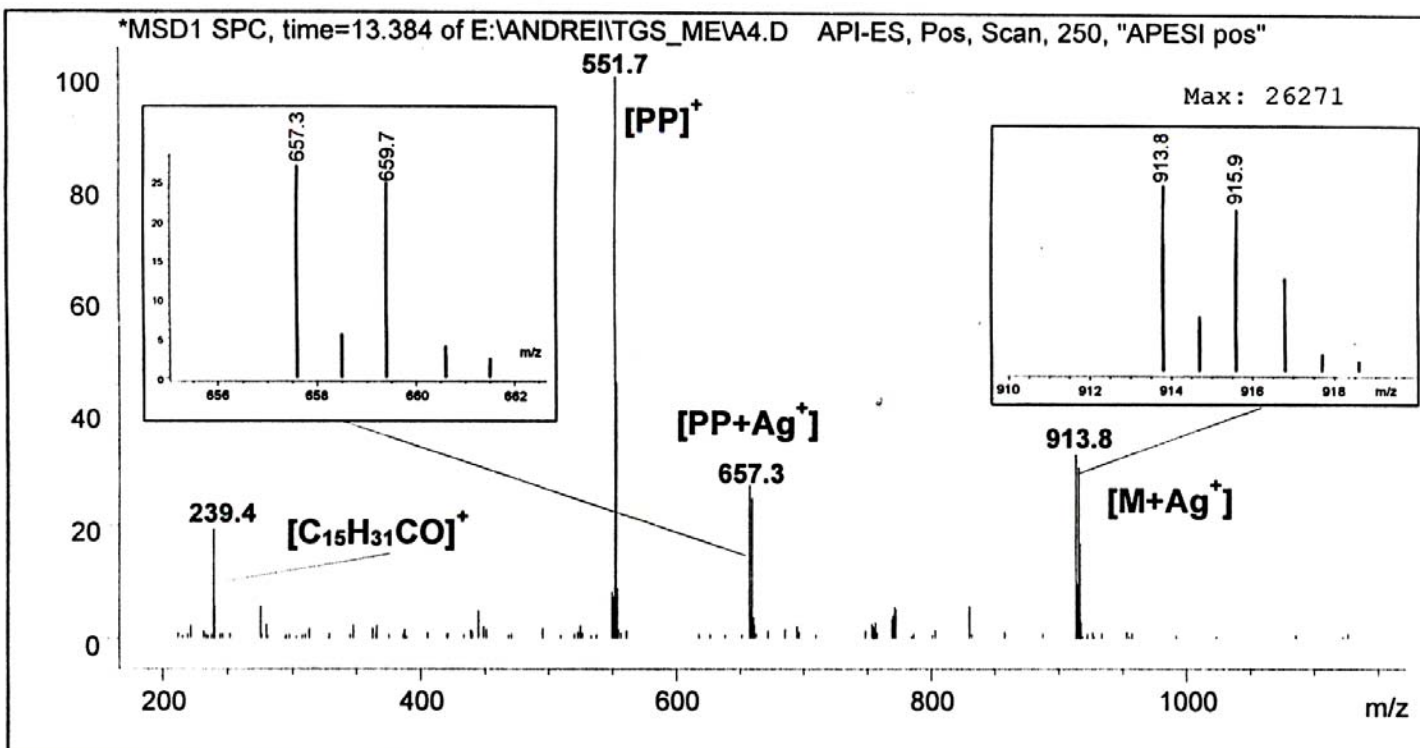
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MS Ionization: AP-Cl

Alternative: CIS-AP-Cl (Ag^+)







☞ **Positional isomers can be identified based on diglyceride ion ratios. (Equipment dependent)!**

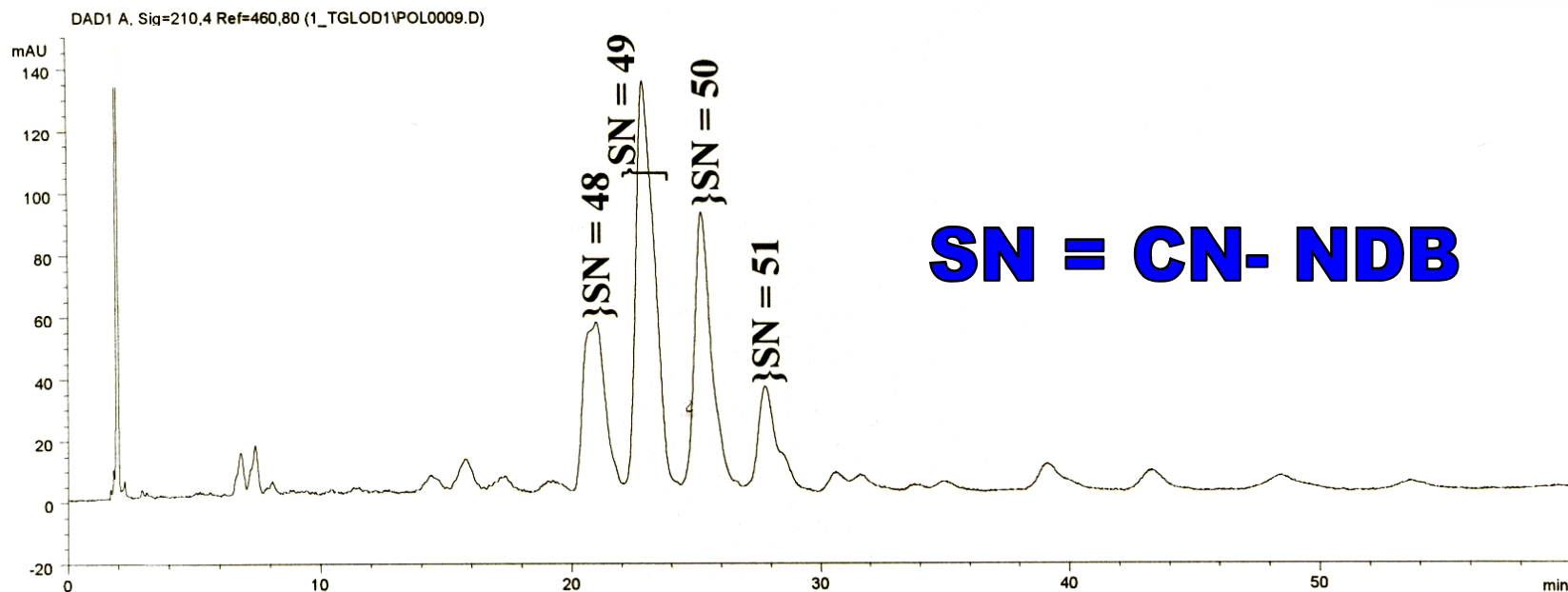
☞ **In CIS the [M+Ag]⁺ ion shows the highest intensity irrespective to the degree of unsaturation. (Equipment independent).**

☞ **Fully saturated TGs can be characterized through CIS. (Equipment independent).**

**Structural identification / confirmation ability
should still be considered equipment dependent!**

A second dimension needed?

Comprehensivity: a deeper insight!



First dimension: PSFC on C18

Column: 2 x Adsorbosphere C18, 25 cm L x 4.6 mm i.d. x 5 um d.p.

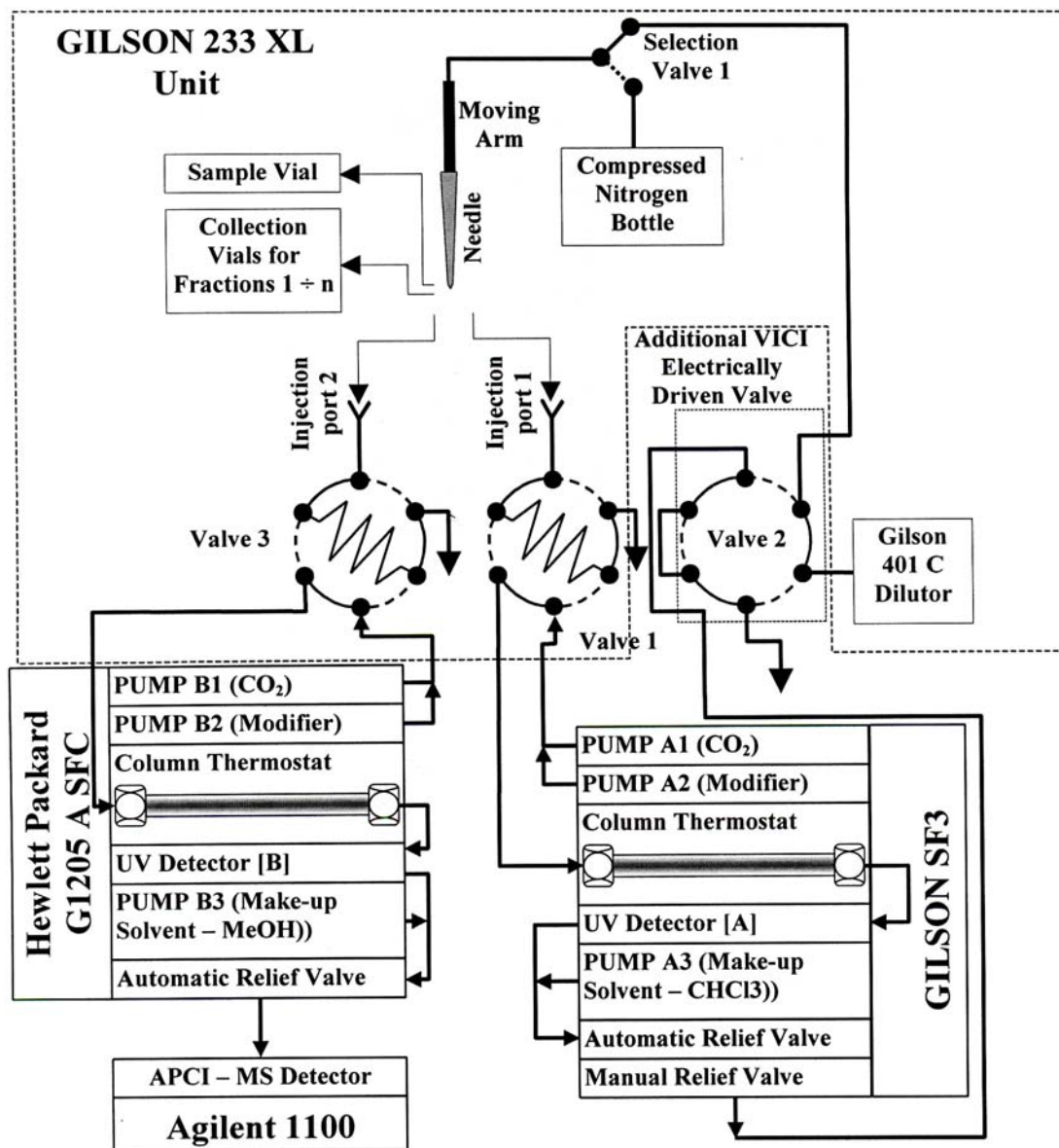
Column temperature: 25 °C;

Pressure: 150 bar

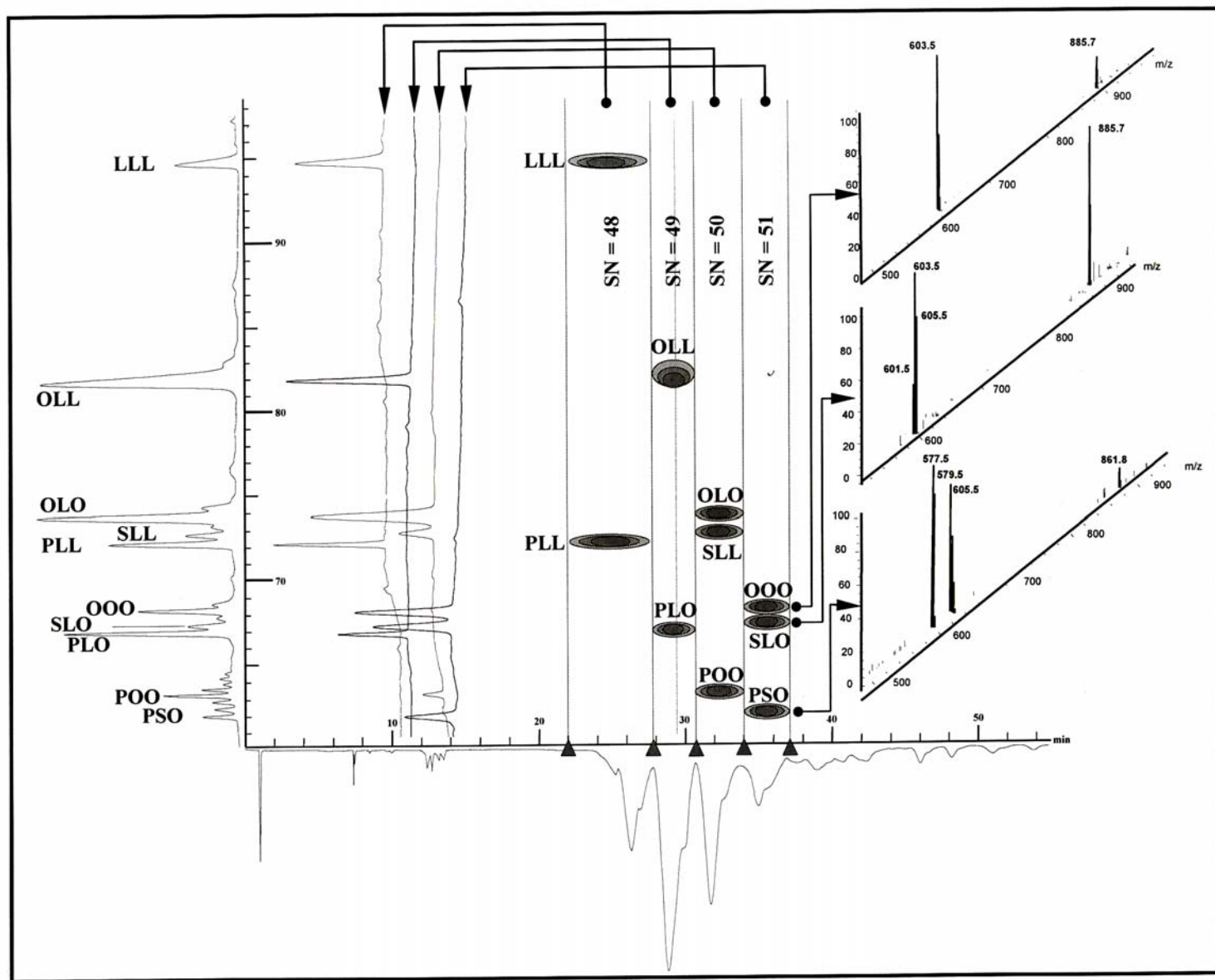
Modifier: ACN/2-PrOH : 6/4; 2.5% in CO₂ isocratic

Flow rate: 2 mL/min

Experimental setup: PSFC x PSFC



Comprehensive pSFC x PSFC / MS: Results!



Sometimes NO APCI ionization occurs?

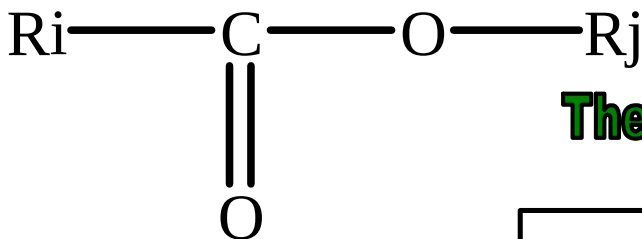
As an example:

JOJOBA Seeds (*Simmondsia Chineseis*)
orig. Sonora Desert – U.S.



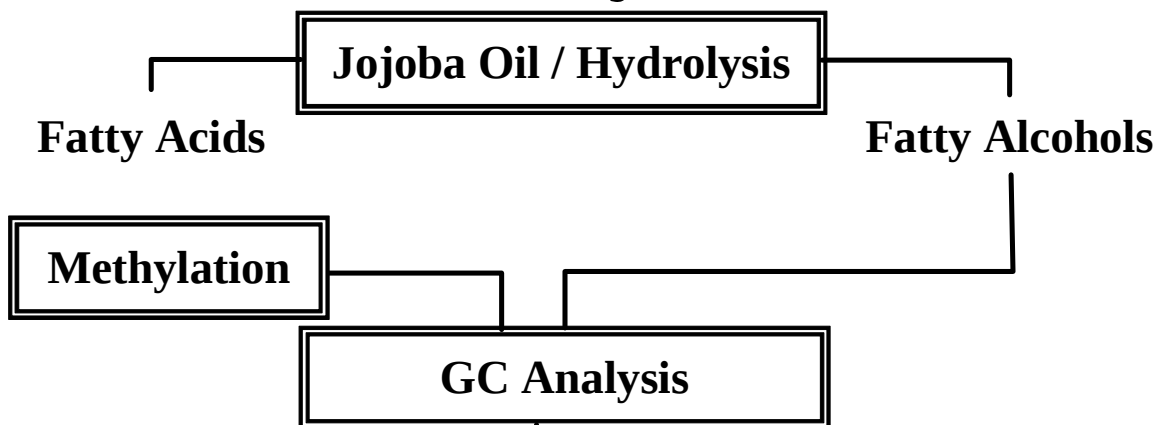
Jojoba Oil, light yellow, odorless

Composition: Mainly Wax Esters !



$\text{C}_{i:n} / \text{C}_{j:m}$

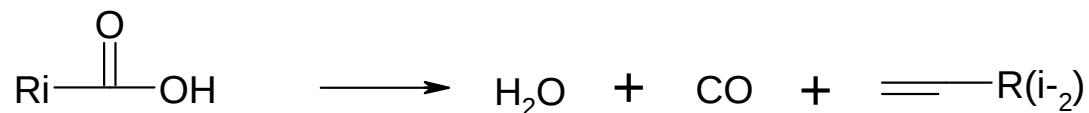
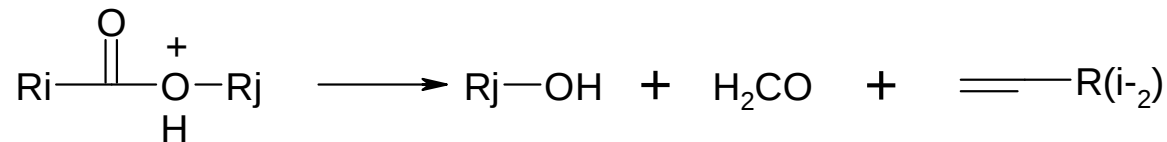
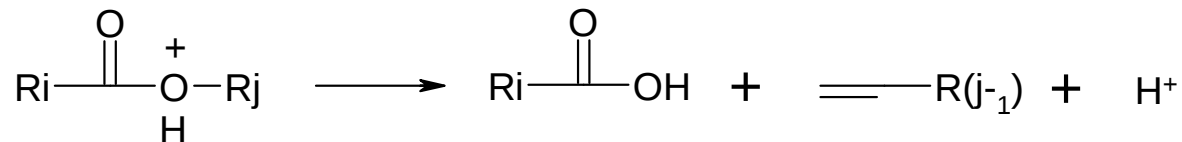
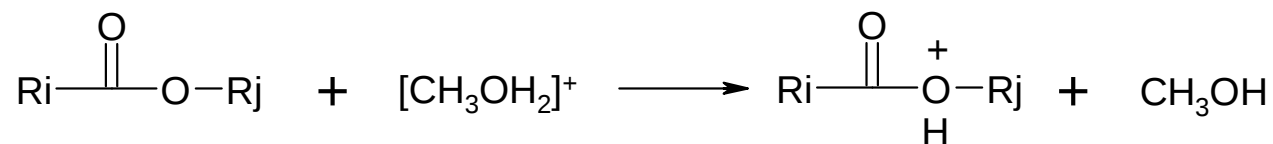
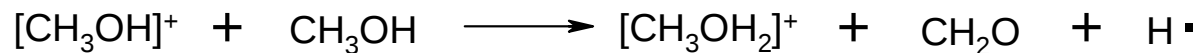
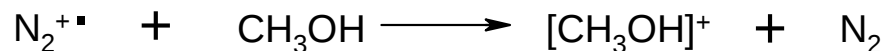
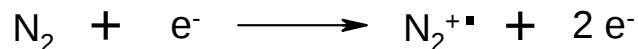
The classical analytical solution:



OV-1 - *FAMES* mass distribution;
Carbowax - *FAs* mass distribution
CN – *unsaturation*

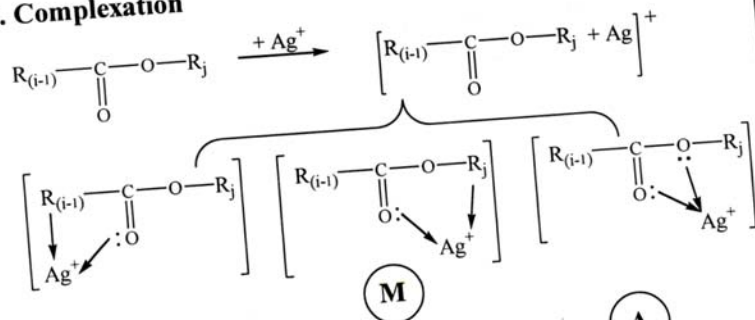
NO ionization!

Why?

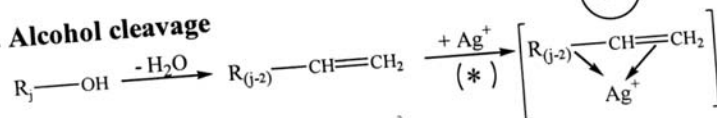


Solution: CIS-APCI

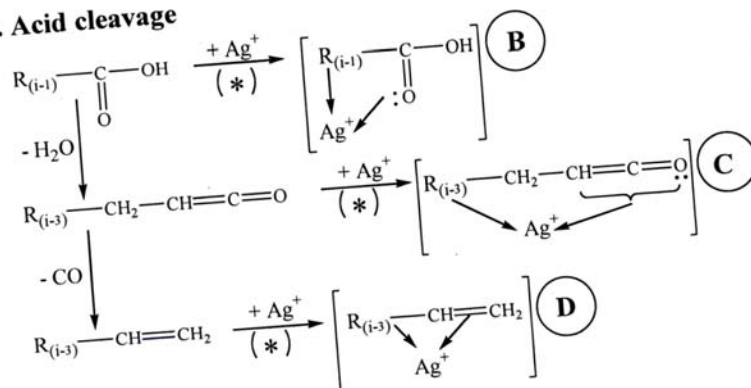
1. Complexation



2. Alcohol cleavage



3. Acid cleavage



$R_{(i-1)}$ = number of carbon atoms in the hydrocarbon chain of the acid

R_j = number of carbon atoms in the hydrocarbon chain if the alcohol

(*) only if R_i / R_j are unsaturated

Column

Spherisorb BDS

25 cm x 2.0 mm x 5 μ m

M. Phase

MeOH / Acetone / Hexane

2 / 1 / 1

Elution

Isocratic

Flow

0.2 mL/min

AgNO₃ flow

10 μ L/min (post column)

Vol. Inj.

10 μ L

MS

(+) mode

Gas Temp.

200 $^{\circ}$ C

Gas Flow

12 L/min

Nebulizing P.

45 psi

Cap. Voltage

5 kV

Mass Scan

100-800 m/e

CID Voltage

290 V

RETENTION RULE

Acc. to ECN (Equivalent Chain Number)

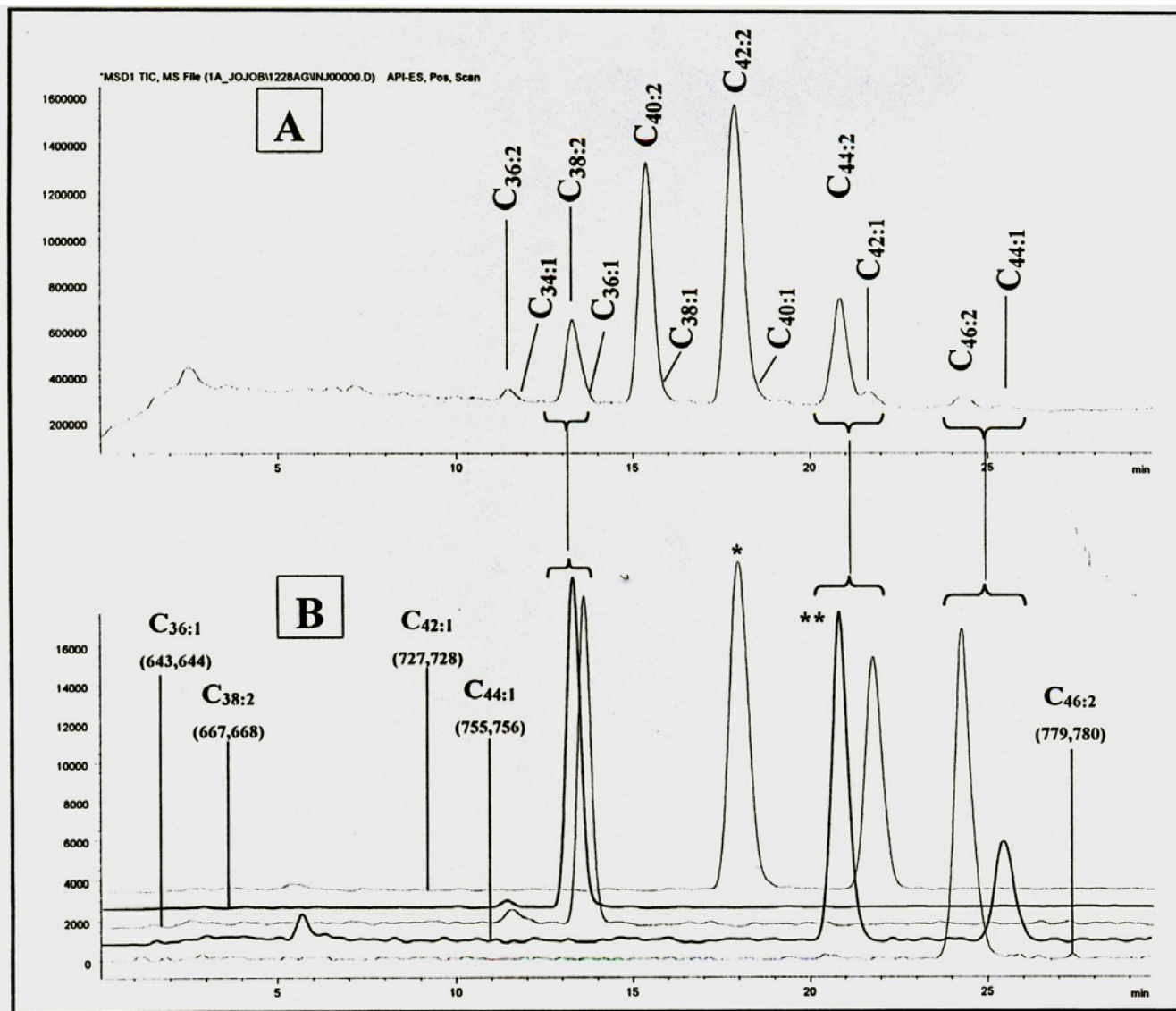
$$ECN = CN - 2 NDB$$

Ex.

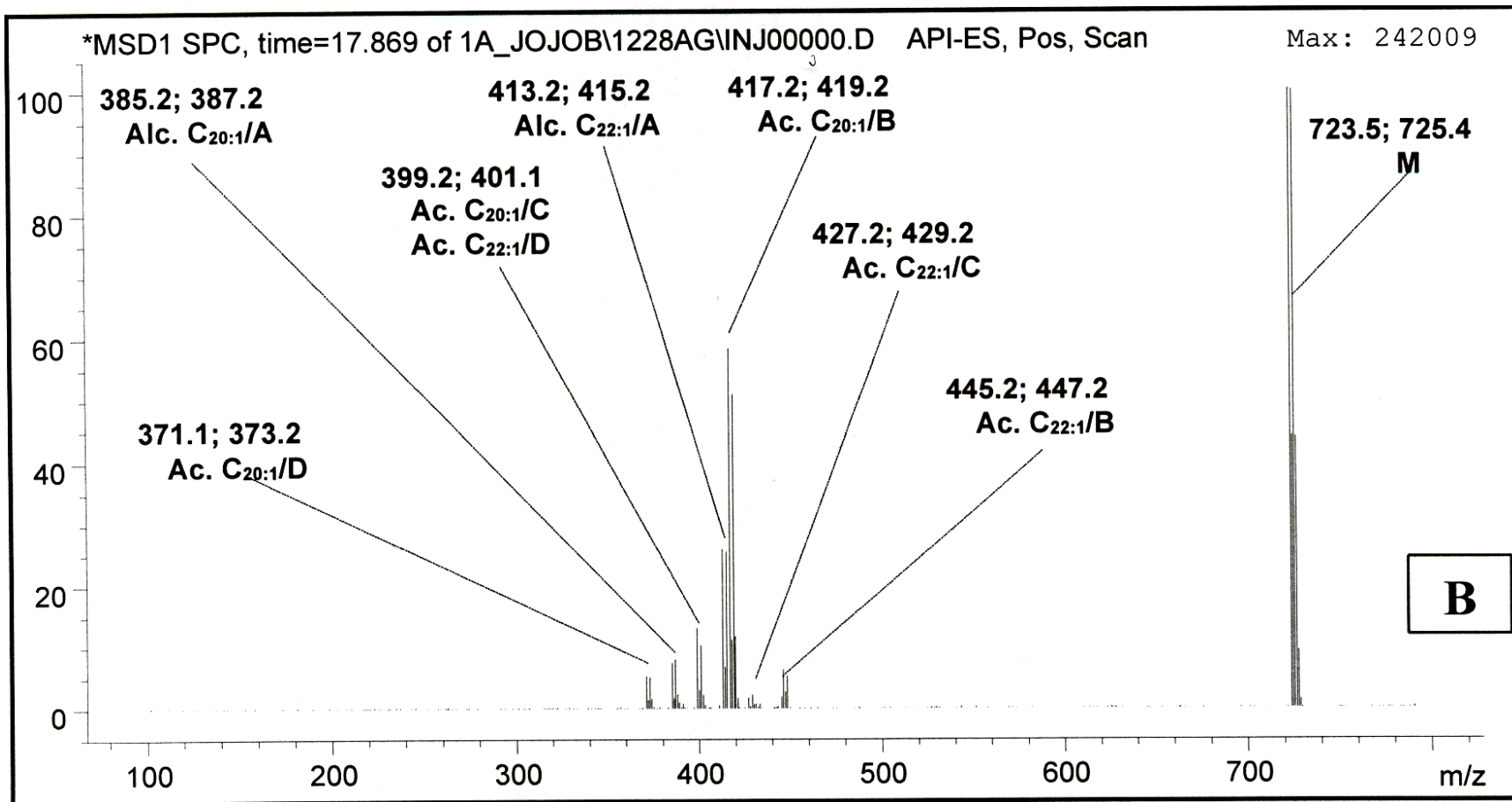


$C_{(i+2):2}$ elutes before $C_{i:1}$

Results:

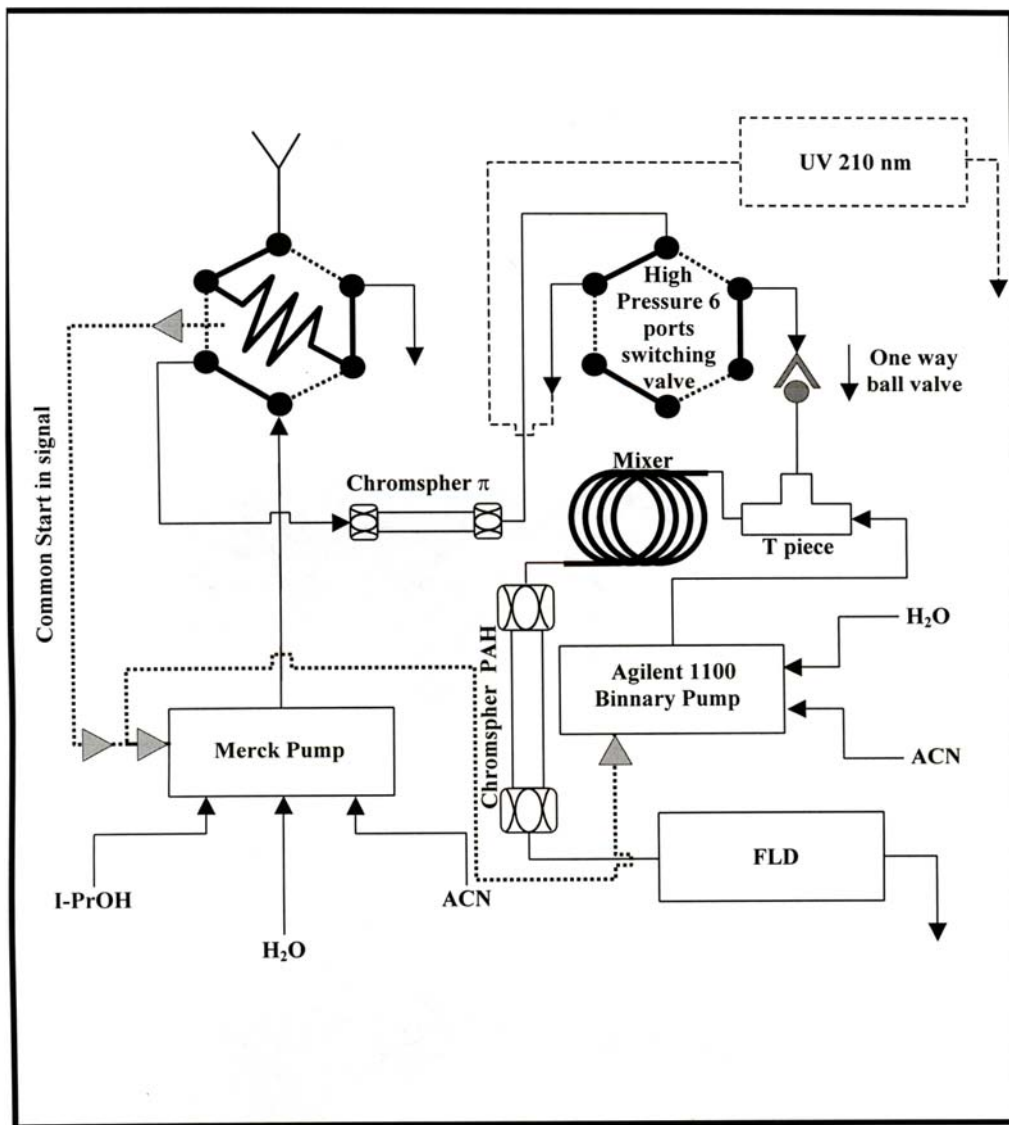


MS spectral information:

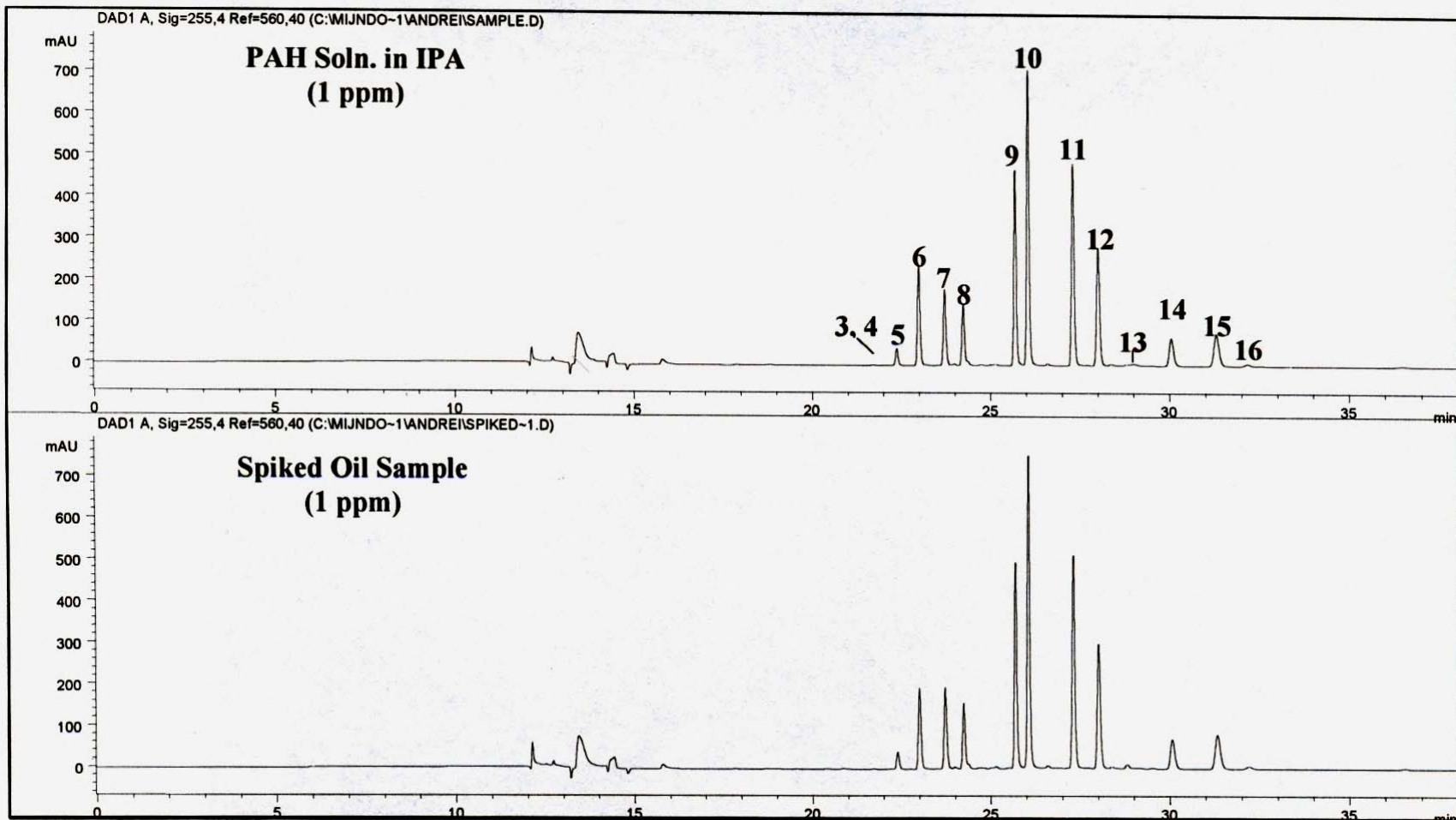


**MS selectivity resolves
non-ideal LC separation!**

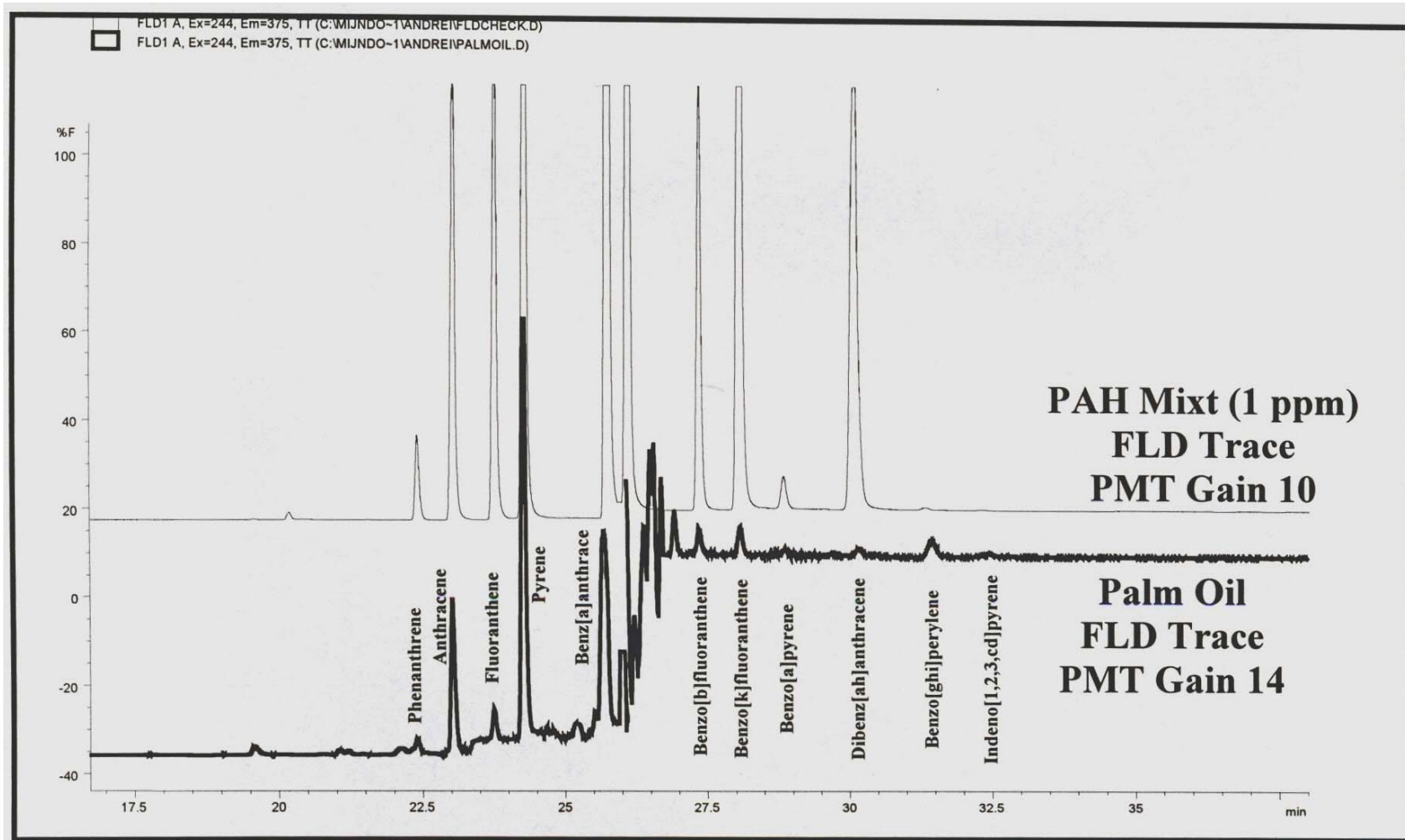
A real nightmare: Residual PAHs in Palm Oil!



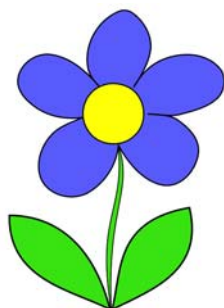
Results:



Unfortunately, reality can be hardly accepted sometimes!



Thank you for your attention!



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