

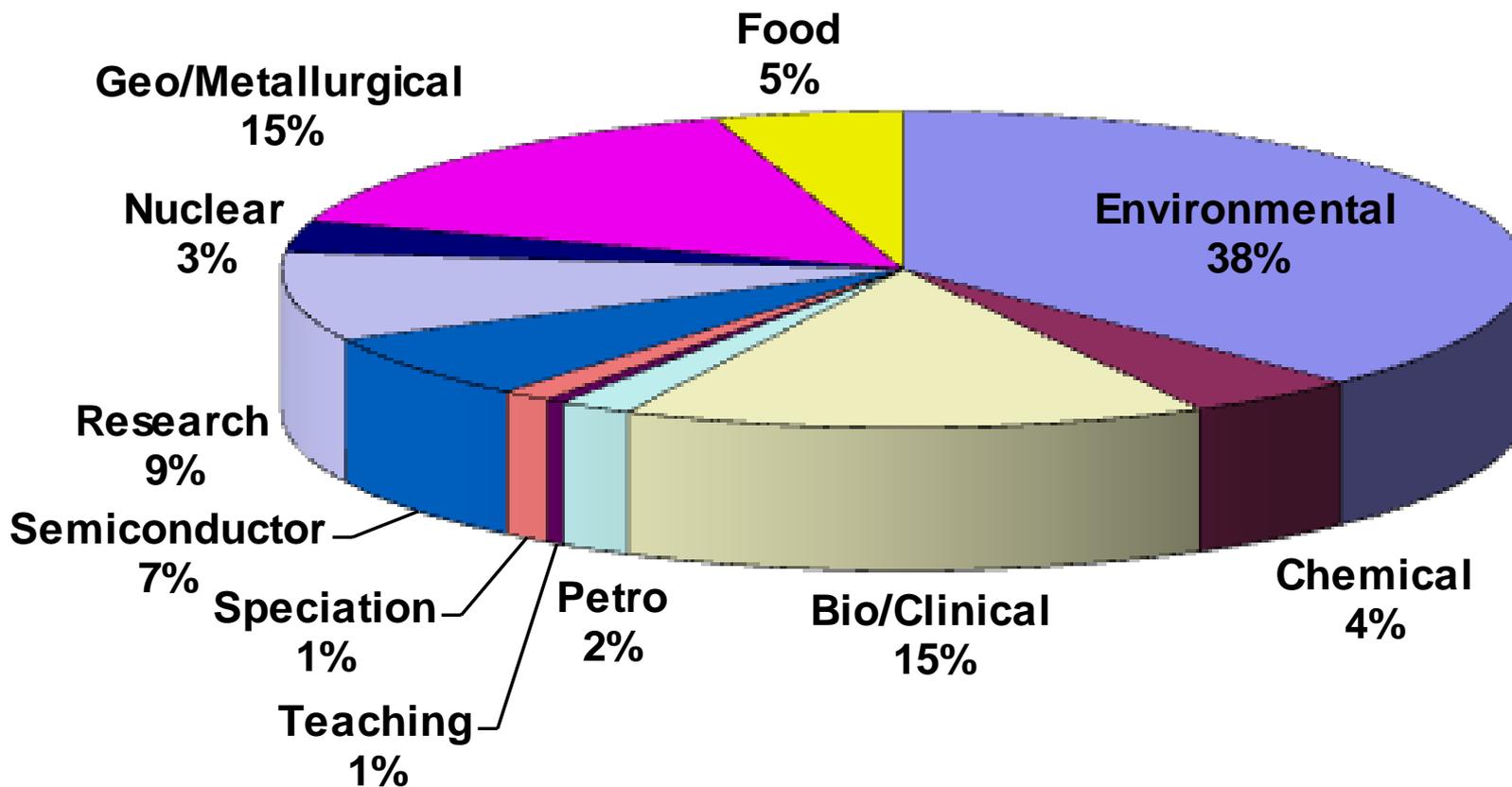


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ICP-MS Technology, NexION 350

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Introducing the NexION:

- ▶ **1983 - ELAN 250**
 - First commercially available ICP-MS
 - Dual Cone Interface
 - PlasmaLOK
 - Cryogenic pumping system
 - On-board computer
 - Manual operation

- ▶ **1987 - ELAN 500 Joint Venture between PerkinElmer + SCIEX formed**
50% SCIEX (R&D / Manufacturing) - 50% PerkinElmer (Sales and Service)
 - Improved sensitivity
 - Improved resolution - new quadrupole and power supply
 - OmniRange - extended dynamic range

- ▶ **1990 - ELAN 5000**
 - First turbo pumped ICP-MS
 - First free-running ICP RF generator
 - Improved interface
 - TotalQuant - First automated spectral interpretation and semi-quantitative analysis package

- ▶ **1994 - ELAN 6000**
 - First simultaneous automatic extended dynamic range detection system – 9 orders of magnitude
 - First single lens system - AutoLens - simplicity with improved performance

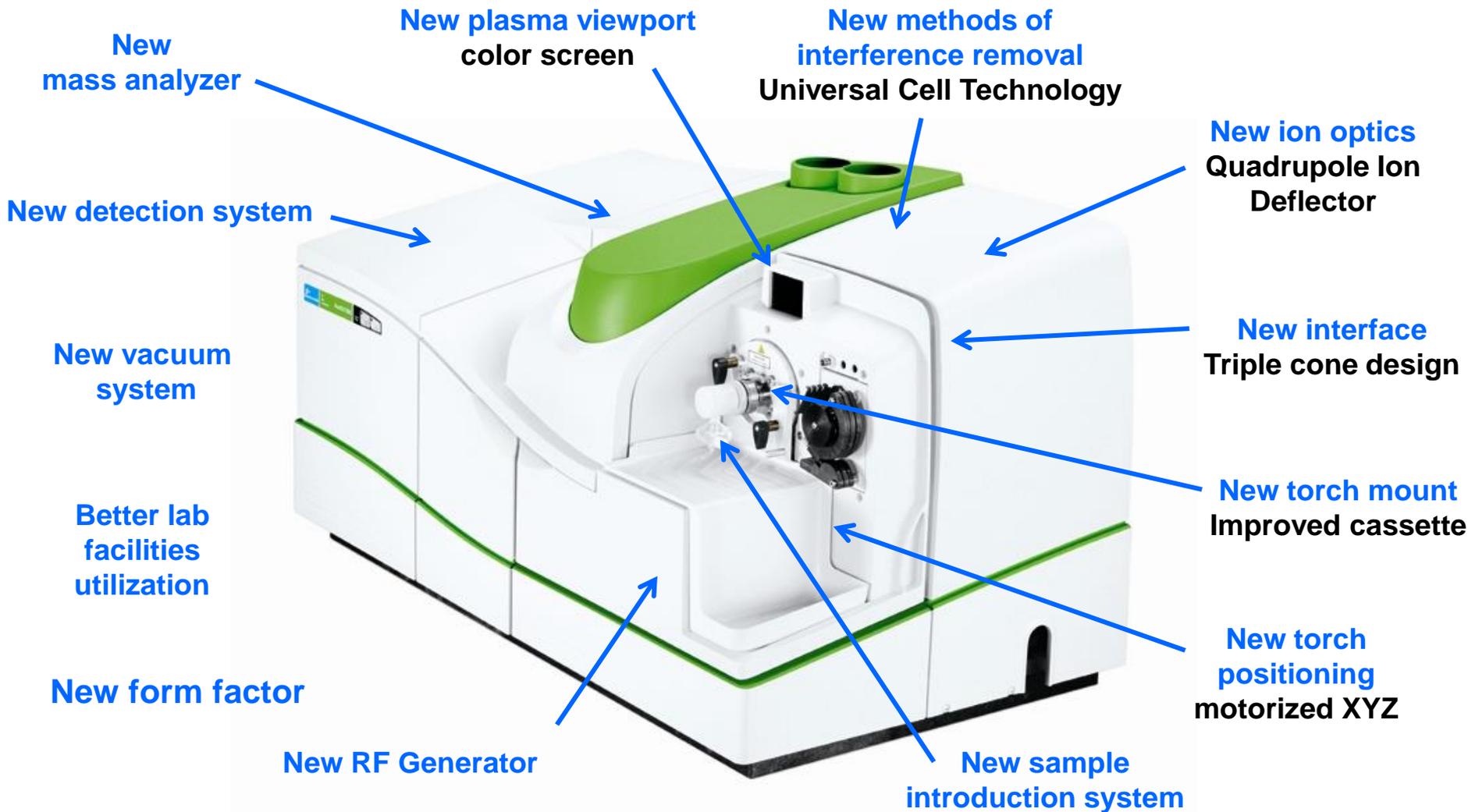
- ▶ **1999 - ELAN 6100DRC**
 - Dynamic Reaction Cell (DRC)
 - First Cell ICP-MS capable of sub-ppt detection limits for all Period 4 elements (K-Se)
 - Wins PittCon Gold Award for best new product
 - Uses high temperature plasma conditions, minimal matrix effects, obsoletes cool plasma

- ▶ **2002 – 2005 ELAN 9000, DRCE, DRC II**
 - Improved low mass sensitivity
 - Dual Inlet Turbo pump
 - Cassette Torch
 - Chromera

- ▶ **2008 - Celebrating 25 years of success in ICP-MS**
 - Over 3300 ELAN ICP-MS systems worldwide
 - Over 1600 DRC systems worldwide



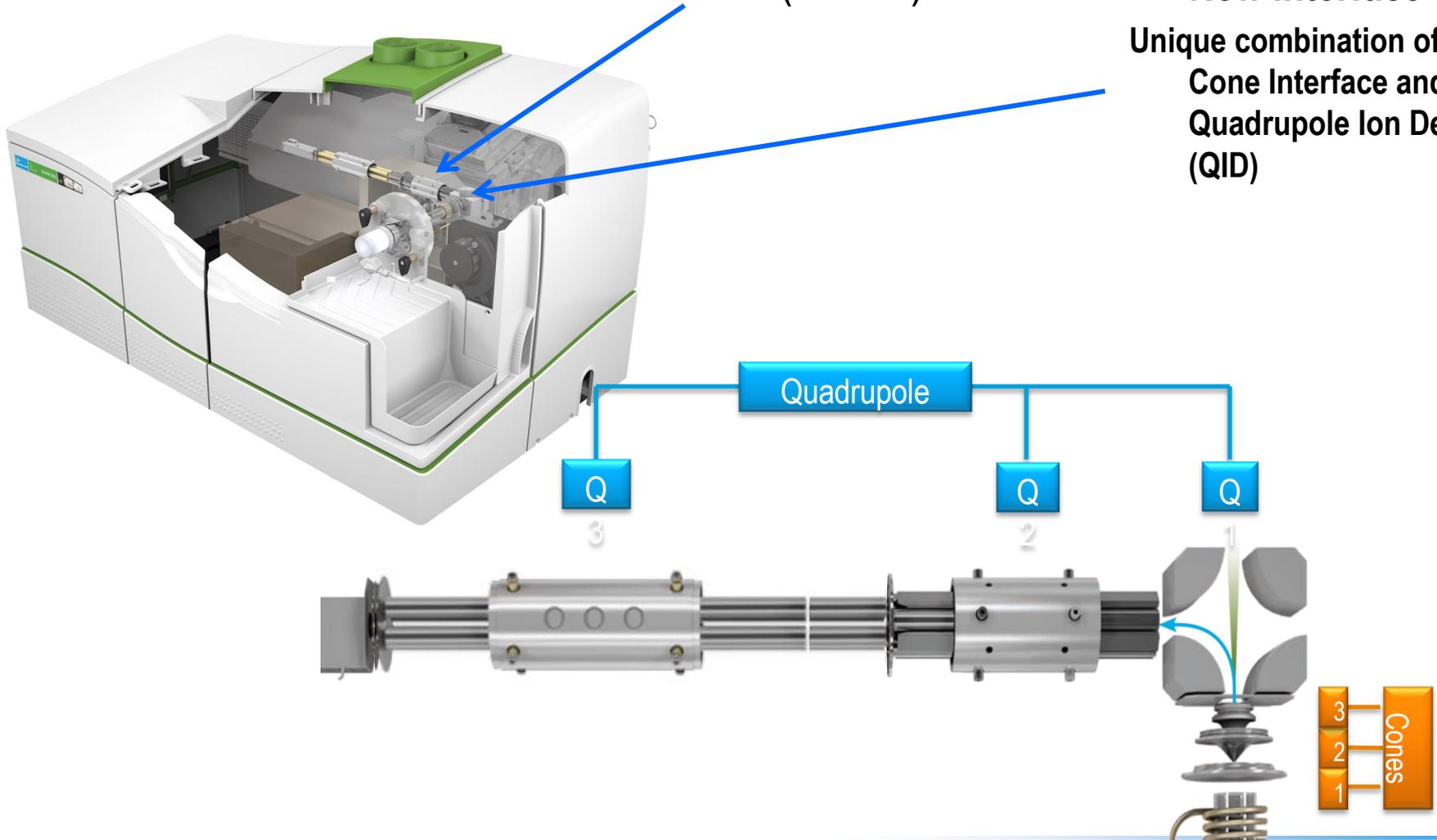
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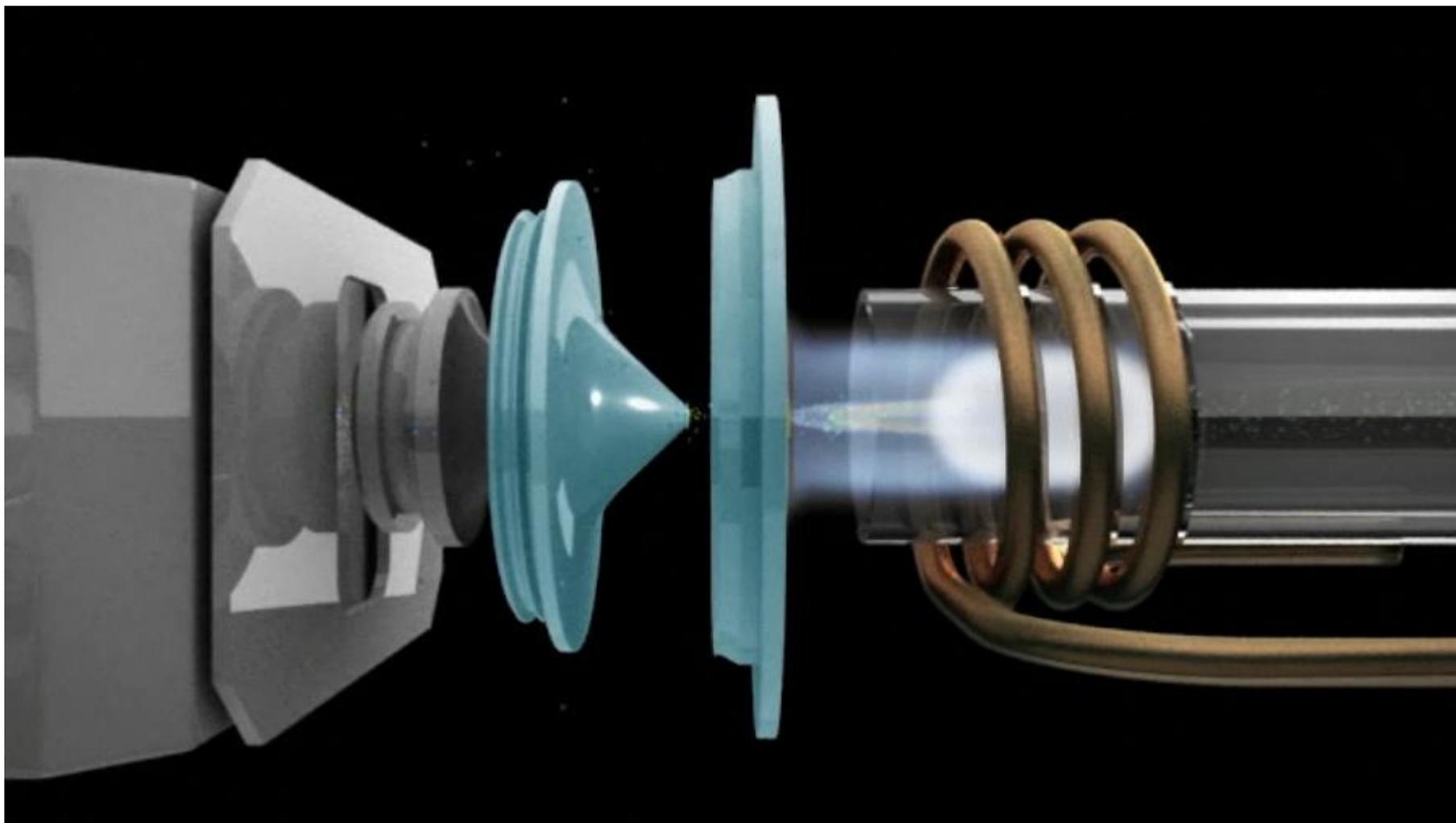
▶ **New Methods of Interference Reduction (UCT™)**

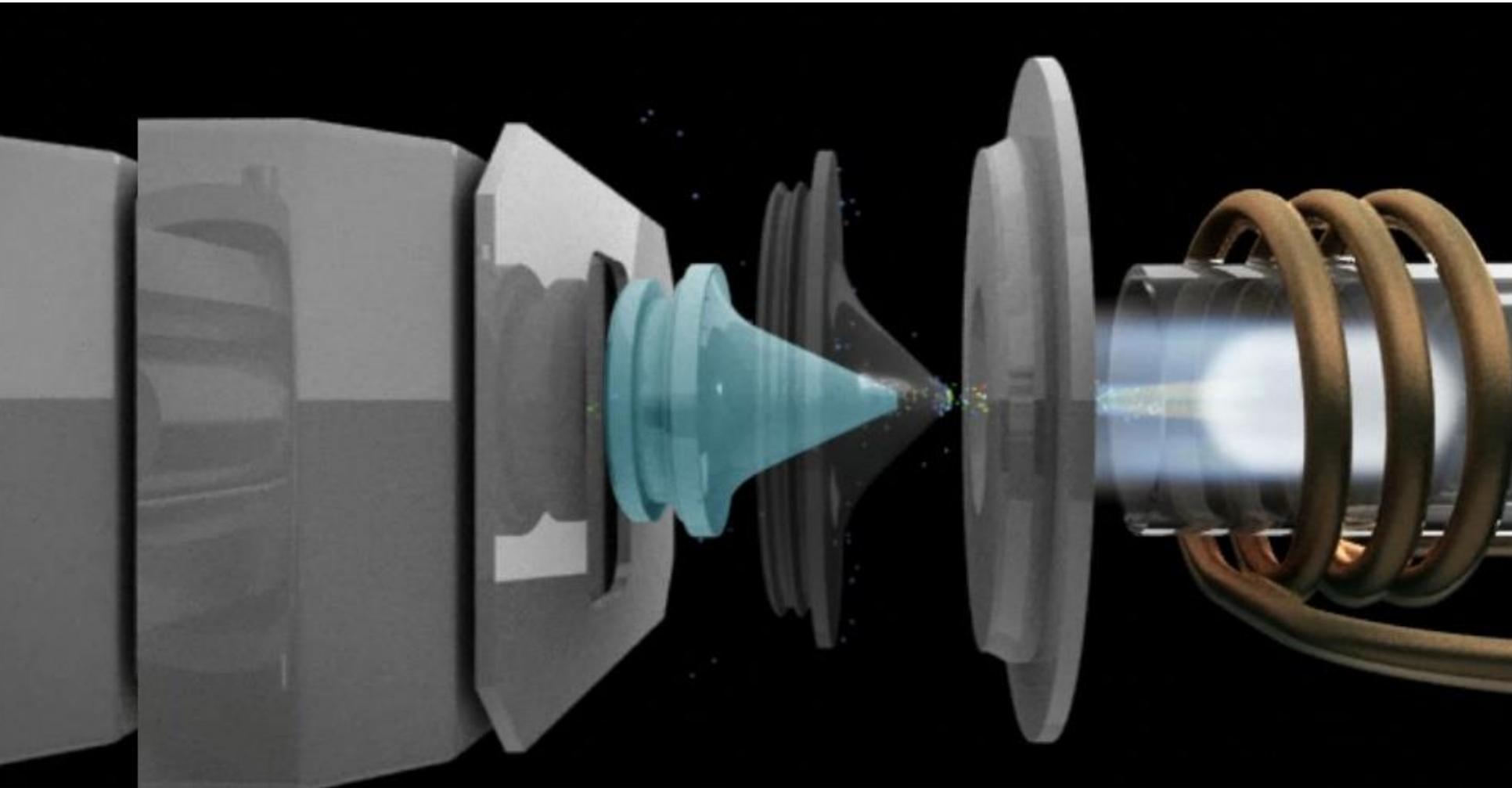
▶ **New interface**

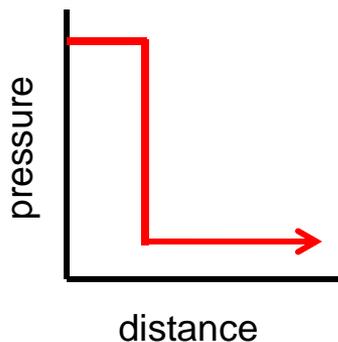
Unique combination of Triple Cone Interface and Quadrupole Ion Deflector (QID)



Why is this important?



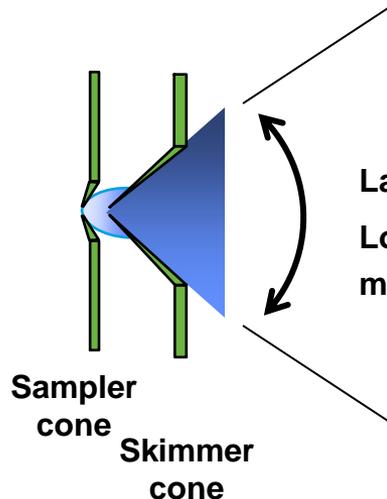




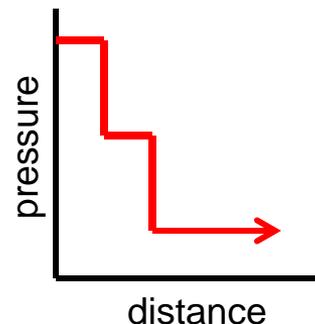
Older ICP-MS systems –

Pressure drops in one large step:

- large beam divergence,
- more dirt into mass spectrometer – creates more drift and required maintenance



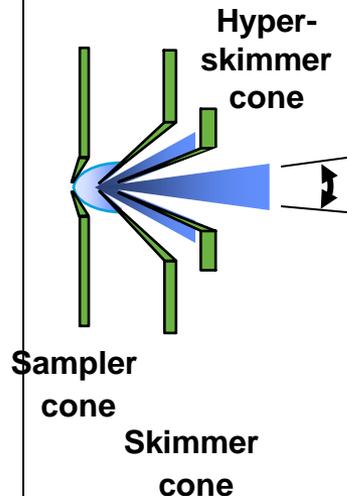
Large beam divergence
Lots of material deposits inside mass spectrometer



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Pressure drops in two smaller steps:

- less beam divergence,
- dirt prevented from entering mass spectrometer – very little drift, reduced maintenance



Well confined beam (~2-3 mm)
Almost no deposition inside mass spectrometer

Material that never enters mass spectrometer

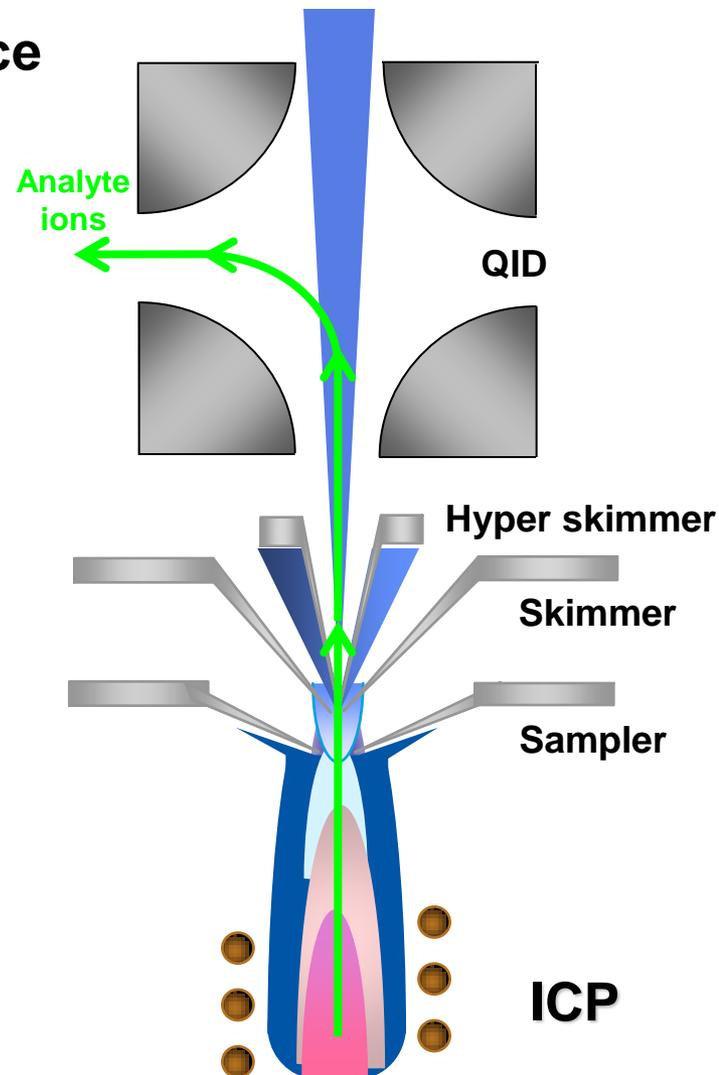
Legend: **Blue = beam from plasma (ions + neutrals + dirt);**
Red = pressure drop per cone

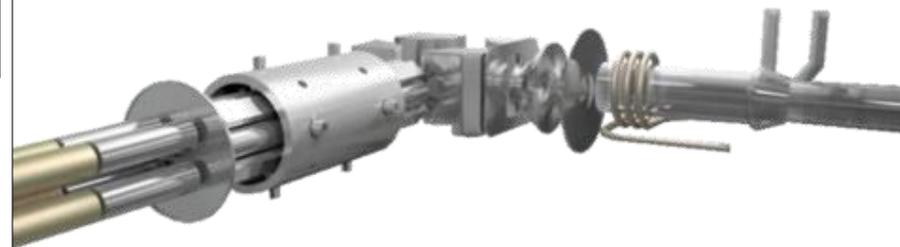
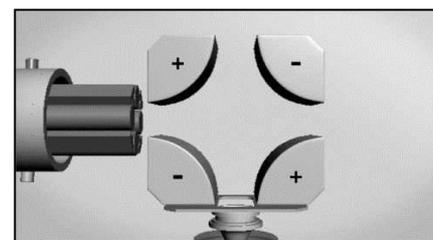
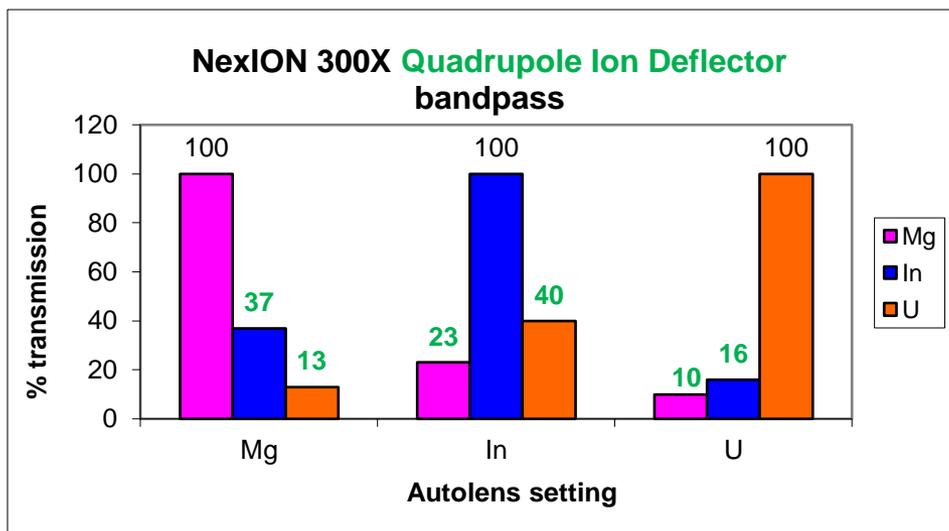
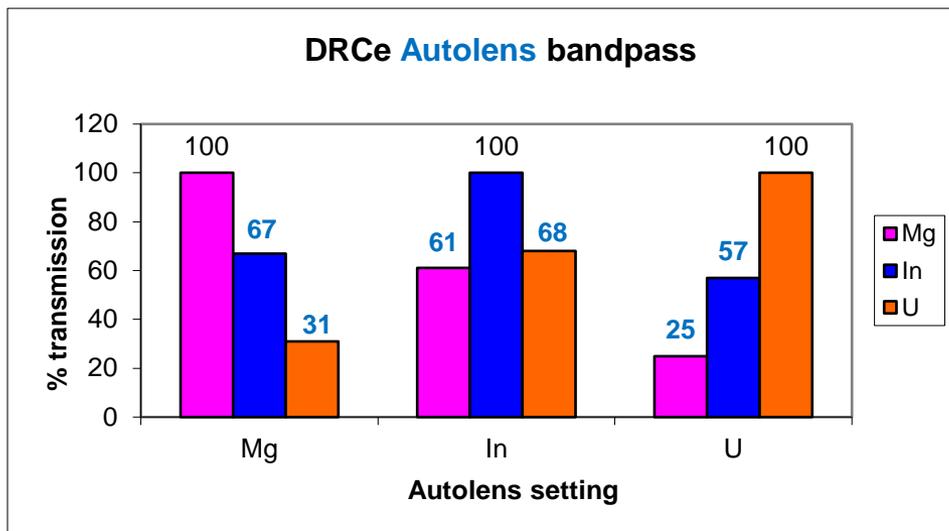
➤ Unique combination of Triple Cone Interface and Quadrupole Ion Deflector provide:

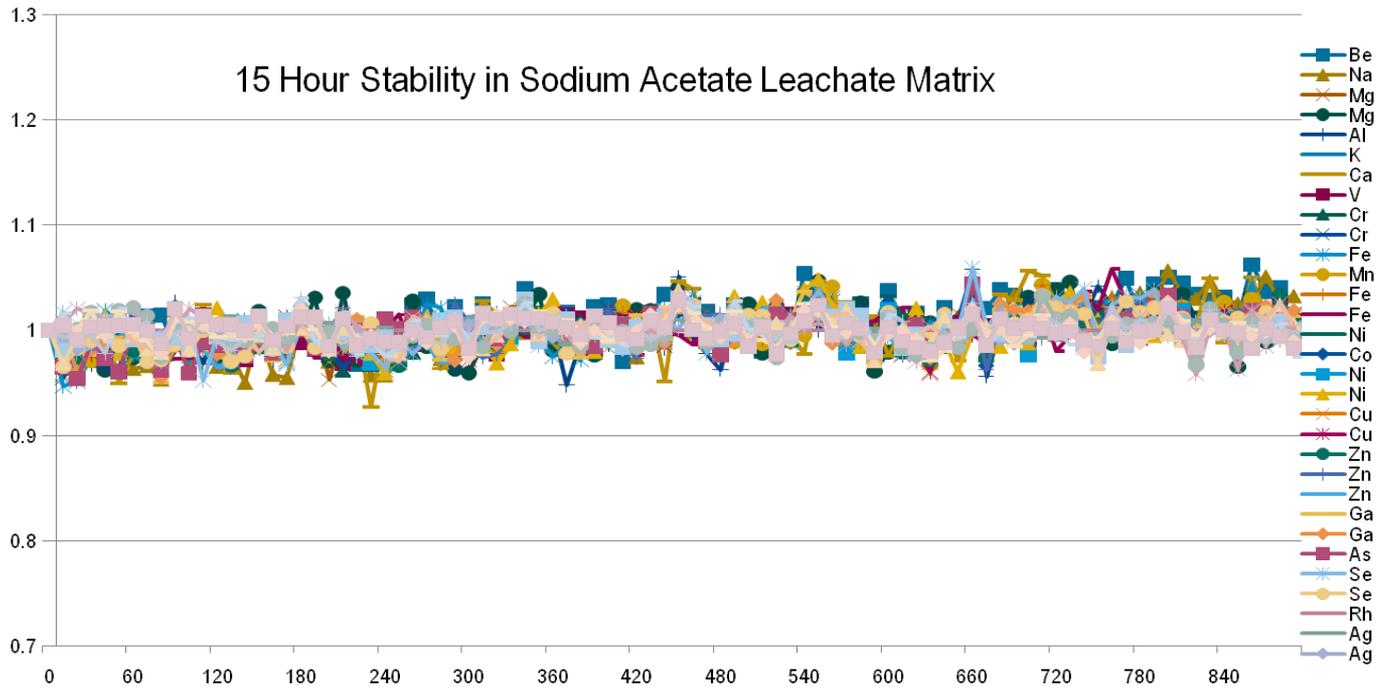
- Incredible stability
 - Mass spectrometer (including cell) remains clean when analyzing dirty samples
 - Ion Optics require very infrequent cleaning
 - More time running samples, less time cleaning or recalibrating
- Very low background noise
- 10x improvement in low mass sensitivity



Photons, Neutrals and un-ionized particles







15-hour stability using Rh as the internal standard. All results have been normalized to the mean. Most analytes were +/- 3% over the 15 hour period. Sample matrix was TCLP extract solution at 0.1% Sodium Acetate. The analytes were spiked at 100 ppb.

► Interferences on major isotopes inhibiting low-level determinations

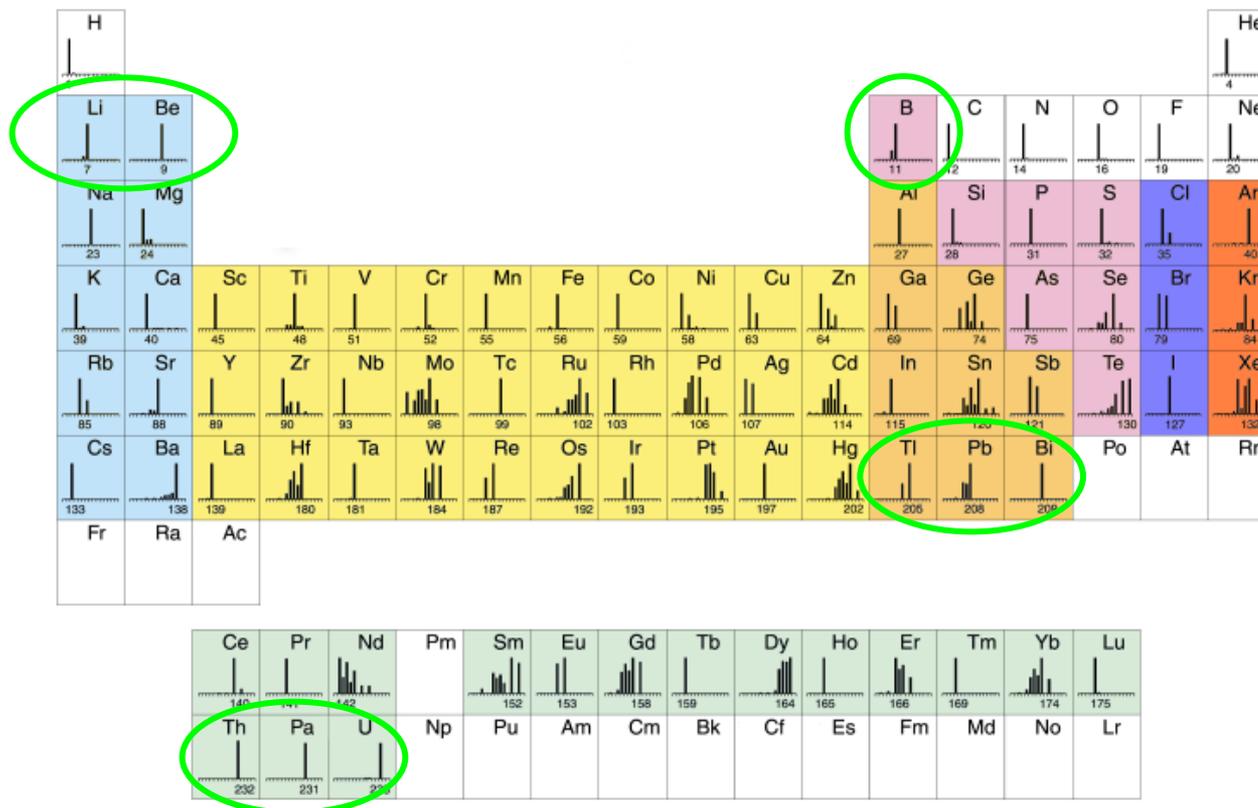
- ^{27}Al from $^{12}\text{C}^{15}\text{N}^+$
- ^{51}V from $^{35}\text{Cl}^{16}\text{O}^+$
- ^{52}Cr from $^{40}\text{Ar}^{12}\text{C}^+$
- $^{56}\text{Fe}^+$ from $^{40}\text{Ar}^{16}\text{O}^+$, $^{40}\text{Ca}^{16}\text{O}^+$
- ^{58}Ni from $^{58}\text{Fe}^+$, $^{40}\text{Ca}^{18}\text{O}^+$ (use ^{60}Ni)
- ^{60}Ni from $^{44}\text{Ca}^{16}\text{O}^+$
- ^{63}Cu from $^{23}\text{Na}^{40}\text{Ar}^+$ (use ^{65}Cu)
- ^{75}As from $^{40}\text{Ar}^{35}\text{Cl}^+$
- ^{80}Se from $^{40}\text{Ar}^{40}\text{Ar}^+$



➤ Universal Cell Technology - Tri-Mode cell instrument

- Standard (STD) mode (uses no cell gases)
 - Unique vented cell provides true classical ICP-MS spectra
- Collision mode (uses an inert cell gas, collision gas)
 - Separates analyte ions from polyatomic isobaric interferences using Kinetic Energy Discrimination (KED)
- Reaction mode (uses a reactive gas)
 - Separates analyte ions from interfering ions based on specific chemistry in the Dynamic Reaction Cell (DRC)

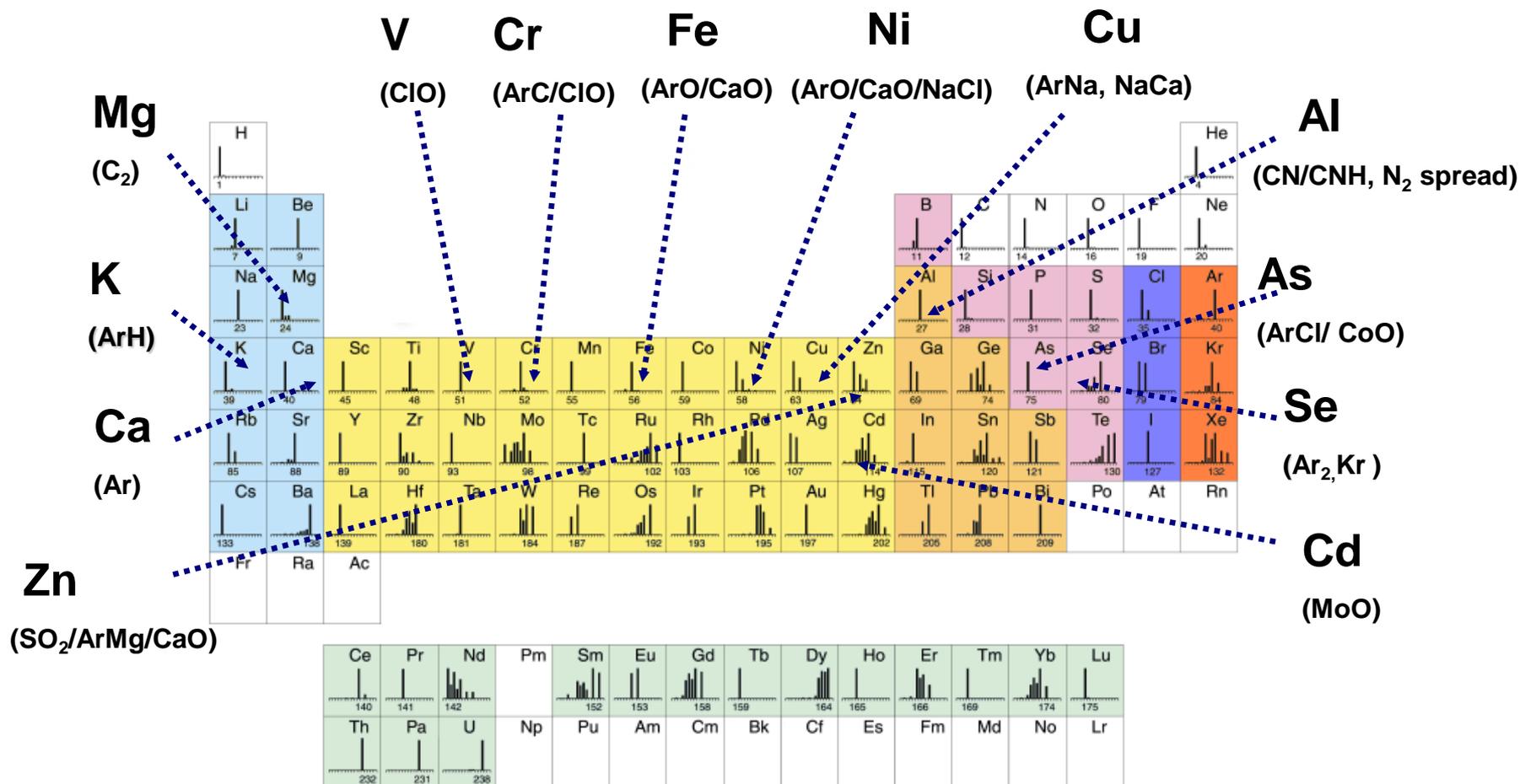
- ▶ The STD mode is most suitable for:
 - Applications with few interferences on analytes of interest
 - Low mass or high mass elements



... BECs for interfered elements can be in the ppb range

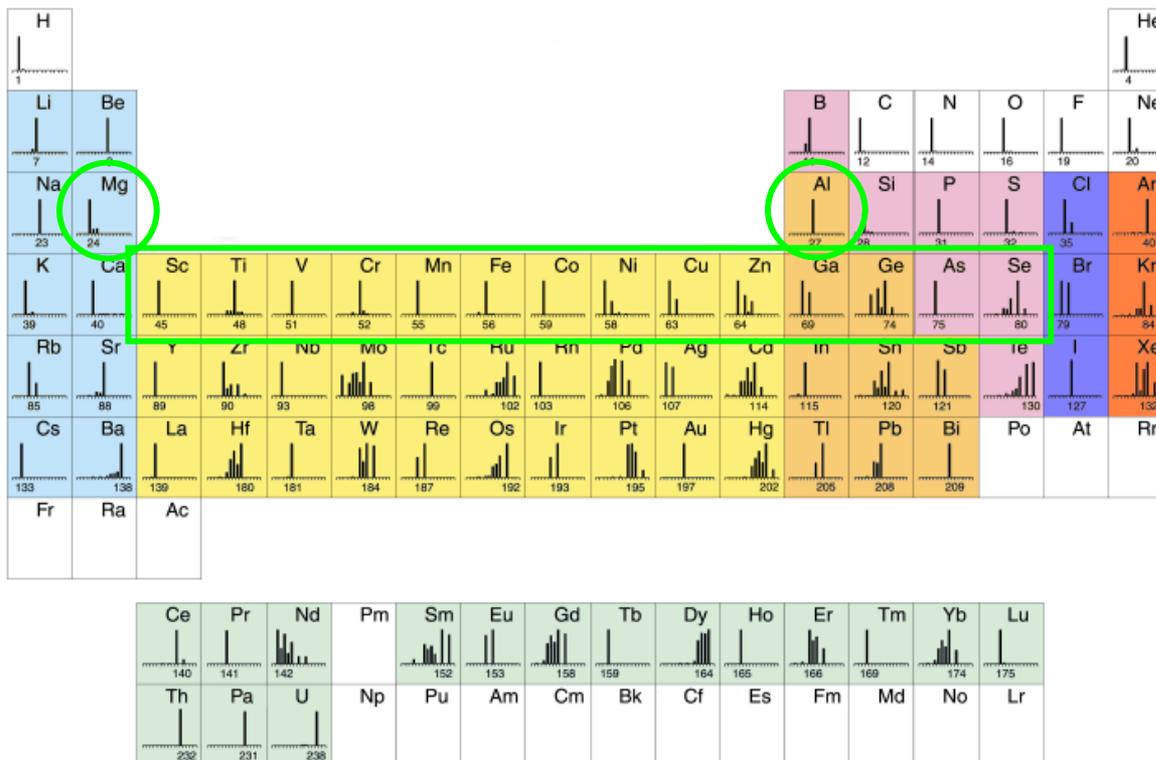
Limitations of STD mode

➤ Important mid-mass elements suffer from common interferences



| Int Std | Analyte (*) | Mass [amu] | Corrections | Int Std | Analyte (*) | Mass [amu] | Corrections |
|---------|-------------|------------|----------------|---------|-------------|------------|------------------------------------|
| | As | 74.9216 | -0.0004*mass35 | | Ni | 59.9332 | -0.002*Ca43 |
| | As | 74.9216 | | | Ni | 61.9283 | |
| | Ca | 43.9555 | | | Pb | 207.977 | |
| | Ca | 42.9588 | | | Rh | 102.905 | |
| | Cd | 113.904 | | | Se | 76.9199 | |
| | Cd | 110.904 | | | Se | 77.9173 | |
| | Co | 58.9332 | -0.0005*Ca43 | | Se | 81.9167 | |
| | Cr | 51.9405 | -0.00055*Cl35 | | V | 50.944 | -3.127*(ClO 53 -(0.113*Cr 52)) |
| | Cu | 64.9278 | | | V | 50.944 | |
| | Cu | 62.9298 | | | V | 50.944 | -0.0047*Cl 35 |
| | Fe | 56.9354 | -0.08*Ca43 | | Zn | 67.9249 | |
| | Mg | 23.985 | | | Zn | 63.9291 | - 0.035313 * (Ni 60-(0.007*Ca 43)) |
| | Mn | 54.9381 | | | Zn | 65.926 | |
| | Mo | 97.9055 | | | Hg | 201.971 | |
| | Na | 22.9898 | | | Hg | 199.968 | |

- The Collision (KED) mode is most suitable for:
 - First row transition elements
 - Applications susceptible to common interferences at moderate levels



... BECs for interfered elements are in the ppt range

Properties of KED mode operation

- ▶ KED – Physical and electronic filtering process
 - Dependent on collision cross sections, gas density, cell length and voltage barrier
 - Efficiency limited to 3-4 orders of magnitude interference reduction

KED – Kinetic Energy Discrimination

- ▶ **Kinetic Energy Discrimination** - The process of separating energy distributions by exploiting differences in **collision cross sections**
 - In ICP-MS, it's specifically the difference in collision cross section between elemental ions and their polyatomic interfering isobars.
 - e.g. ^{56}Fe & ^{56}ArO , ^{78}Se & $^{78}\text{Ar}_2$, ^{51}V & ^{51}ClO

Although polyatomic isobars share the same mass and energy characteristics as the elemental ions, they can have significantly larger collision cross sections (σ).

larger cross-section = more collisions = lower energy

- Compare:

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|------------------------|--------------|
| V and ClO | - K and ArH |
| Se and Ar ₂ | - Cd and MoO |
| Fe and ArO | - Au and TaO |

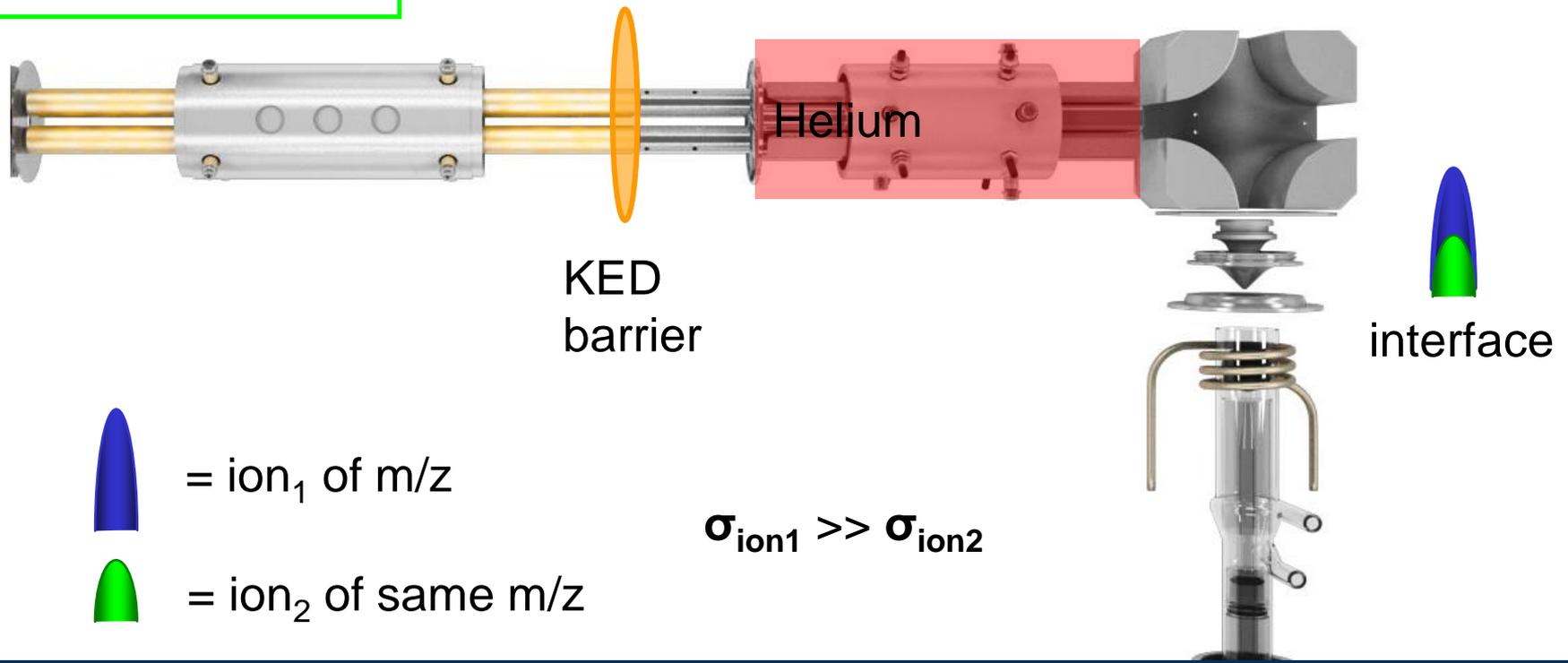
$\Delta\sigma \gg 0$, good performance

$\Delta\sigma \sim 0$, poor performance

Energy distribution of ions inside the instrument

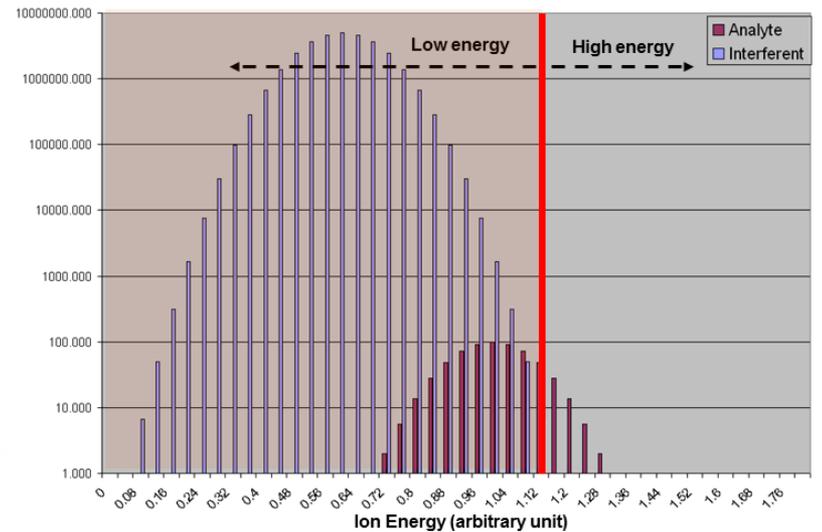
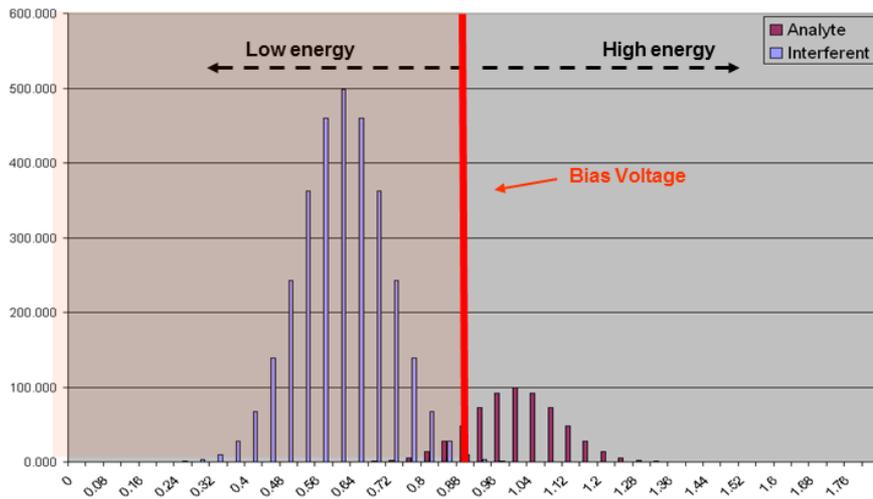
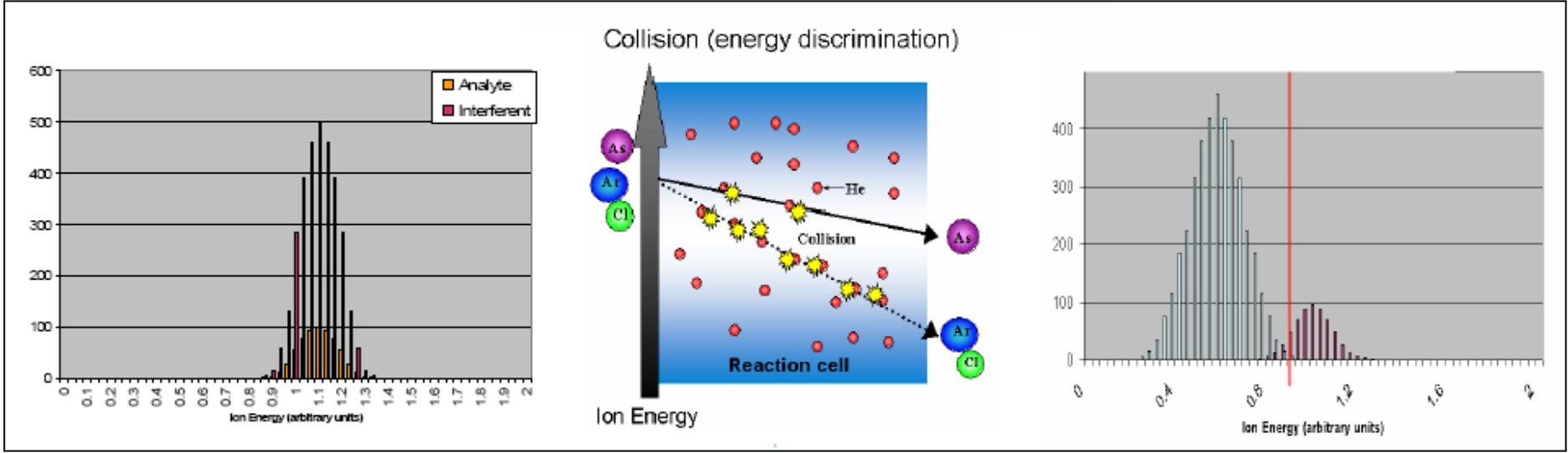
| | Ar ₂ ⁺ | Se ⁺ |
|-----------------|------------------------------|-----------------|
| Initial energy: | 5 V | 5 V |
| # collisions: | 5 | 2 |
| Energy lost: | 2.5 V | 1 V |
| Exit energy: | 2.5 V | 4 V |

Separation is based on difference Kinetic Energy using appropriate HARDWARE (KED barrier, focussing multipole)



KED barrier repels ions that don't have enough energy to enter the quad

► Collision - reduction of energies of polyatomic ions



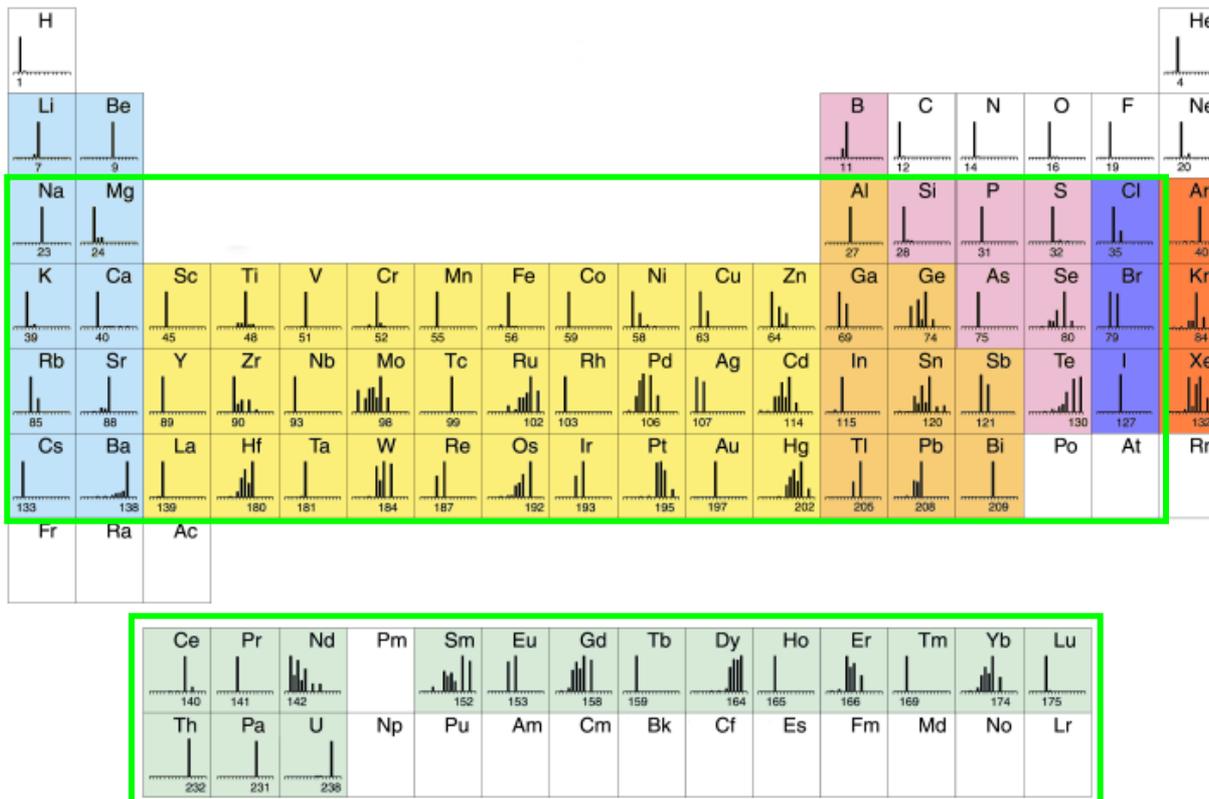
Collision Cell KED (Energy Discrimination)

Sensitivity

**Interferences
Elimination**



- The Reaction (DRC) mode is most suitable for:
 - Applications with the highest level of interferences that require the lowest BECs



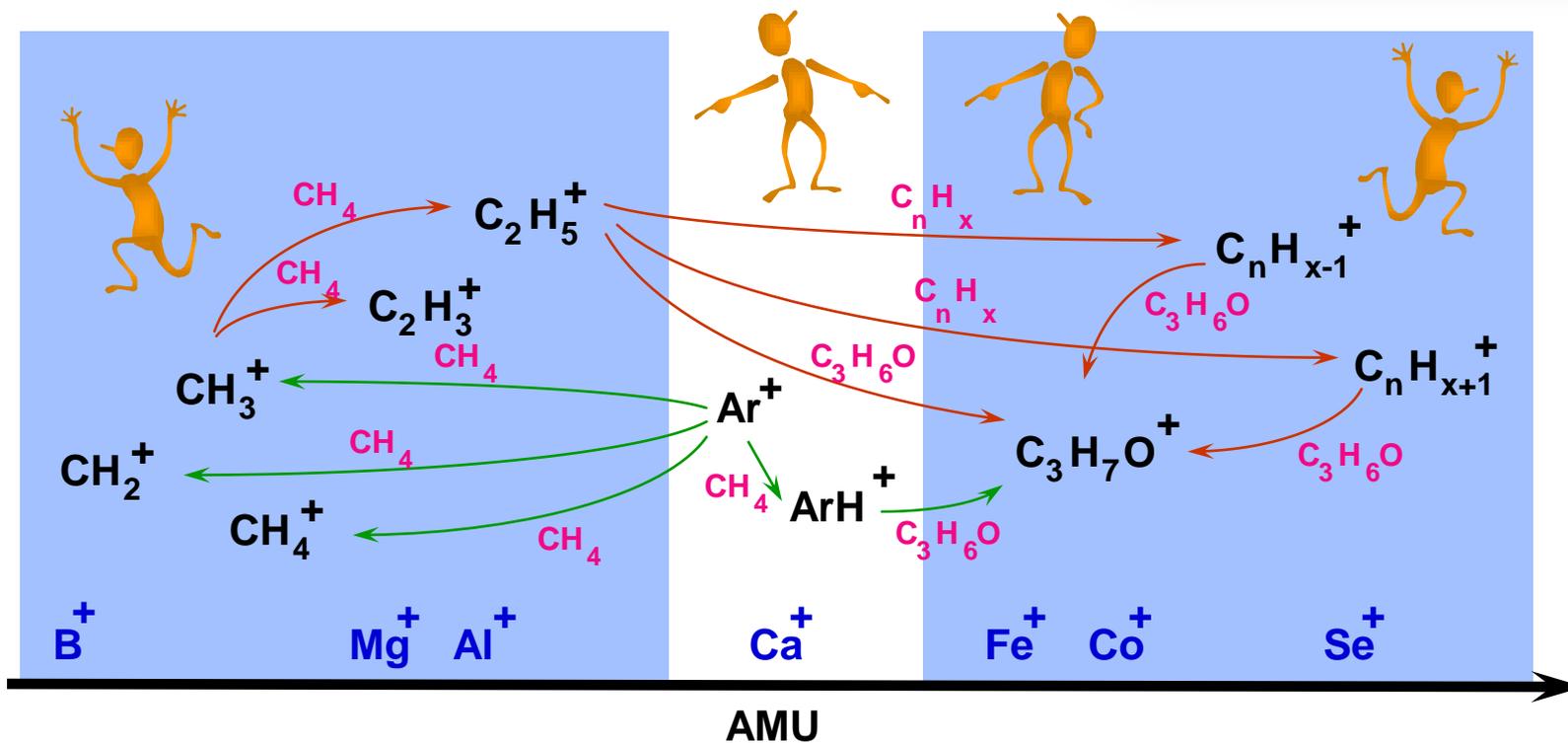
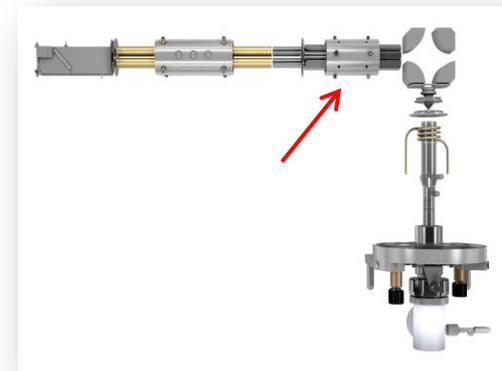
... BECs for interfered elements are in the sub-ppt range

Properties of DRC mode operation

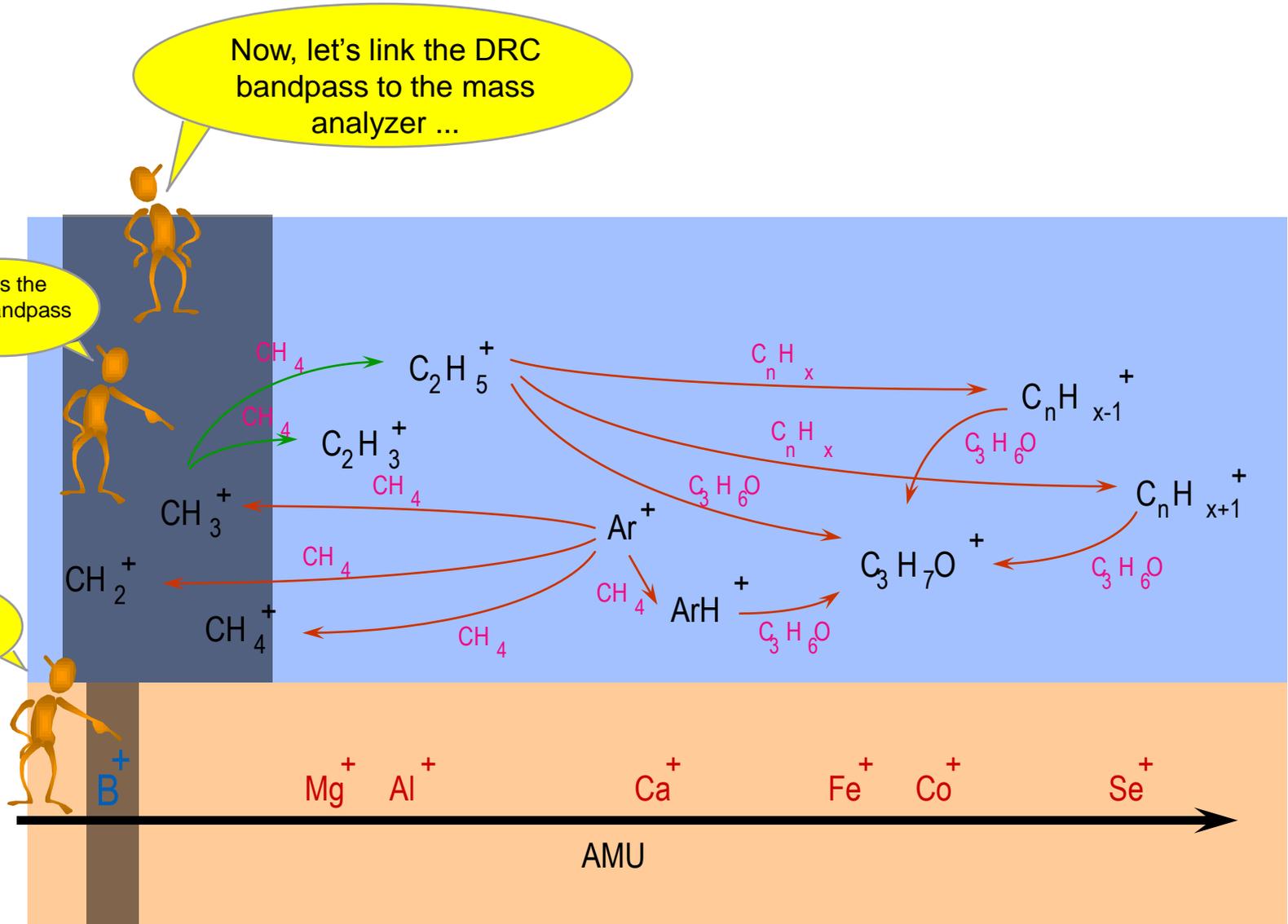
- ▶ DRC – Purely chemical filtering process between ions and molecules
 - Uses electronics to drive the reaction to the products side
 - $A + B \rightarrow C + D$ (bandpass forces C + D to dominate)
 - Dependent only on the reaction rates of the ions in the beam and the reaction gas
 - Faster reaction rates dominate over slower ones
 - Independent of mass
 - Can be extremely efficient at reducing interferences
 - Up to 9 orders of magnitude reductions are possible

Low (RPq) and High (Rpa) mass cut-off applied

- ▶ “q” parameter sets **low mass cut-off**
- ▶ “a” parameter sets **high mass cut-off**

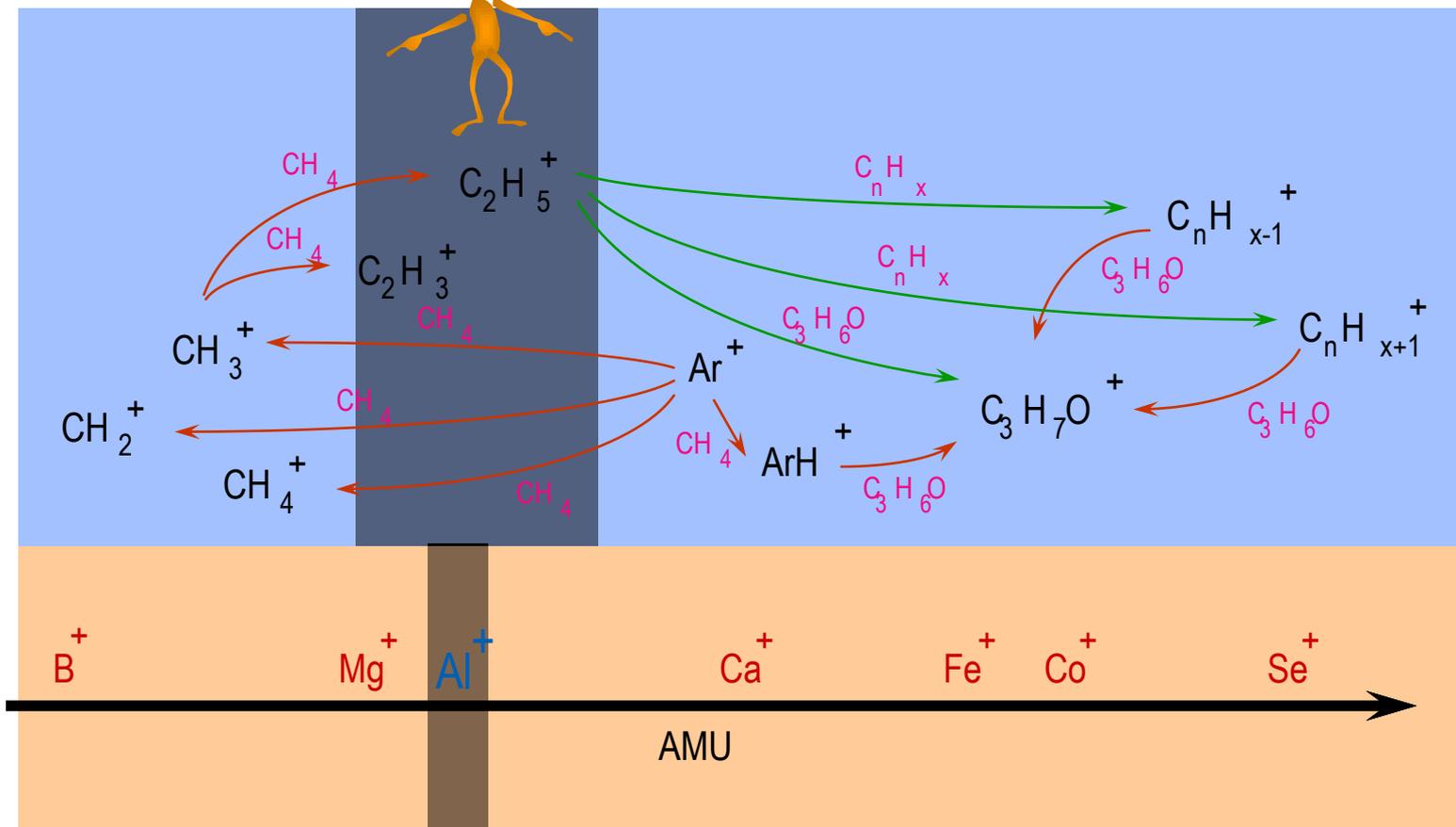


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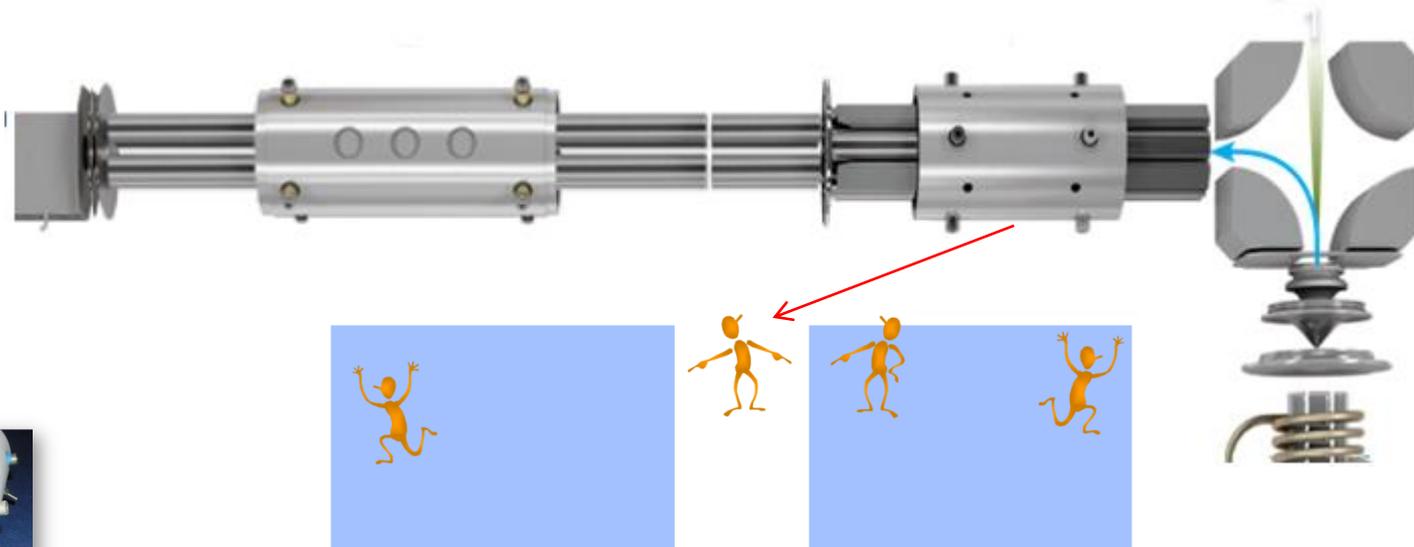


How DRC works...

... which provides for high transmission of the analyte ions ...



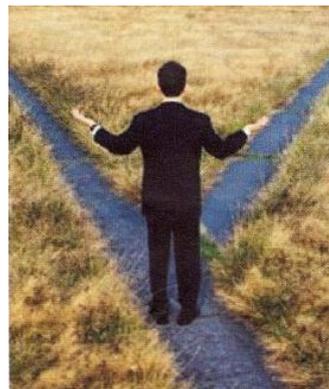
Separation is based on different mass – charge ratio
using appropriate HARDWARE (quadrupole to create a dynamic band pass)



- “q” parameter sets low mass cut-off
- “a” parameter sets high mass cut-off

- ▶ In a cell **is the nature of the gas** that we use to reduce/eliminate the interferences that define if we have more reaction (CH₄, NH₃, O₂, H₂) or collision (He) events
- ▶ **Any supplier** can introduce the gas that he wants in the cell but how to manage what is happening in the cell depends from the **hardware** available in the different instruments
- ▶ **THIS IS THE IMPORTANT DIFFERENCE AMONG THE INSTRUMENTS AVAILABLE IN THE MARKET!**

- ▶ In the past the customer had to chose between **KED** (passive cell) approach or **Band pass** approach (active) cell
- ▶ **Not from Collision or Reaction cell !**

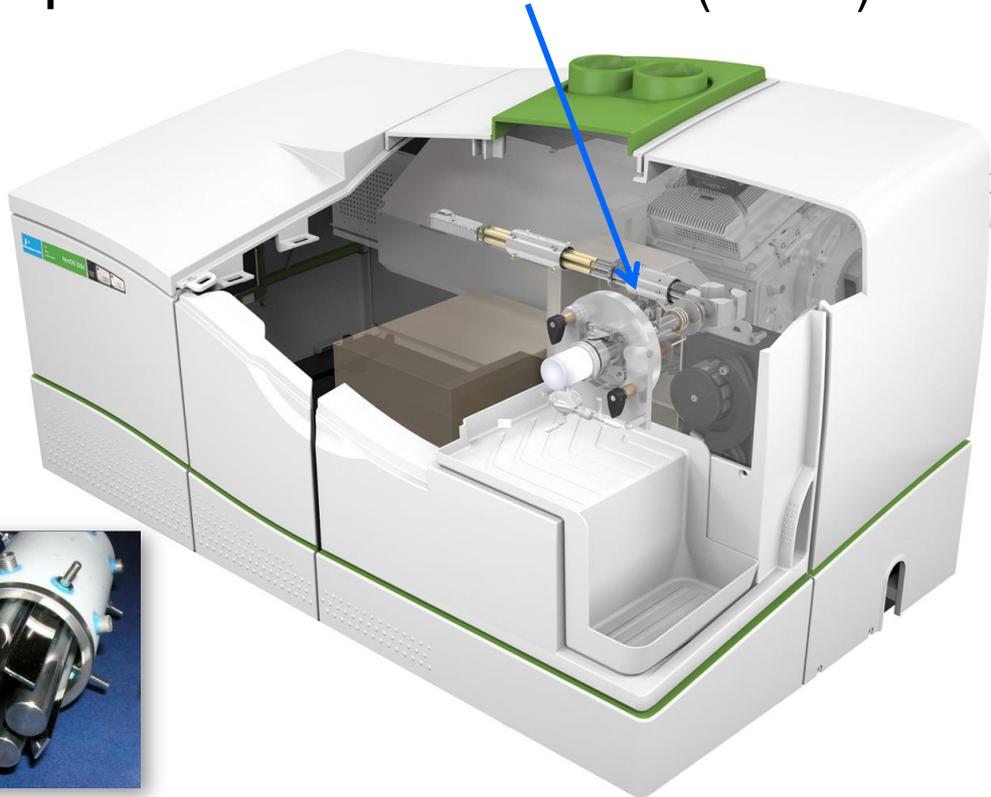


- ▶ Simply have everything ! All the technologies available nowadays to eliminate the interferences in a Quadrupole ICP-MS !

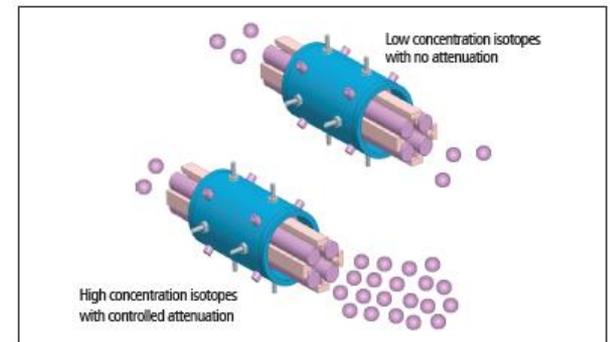
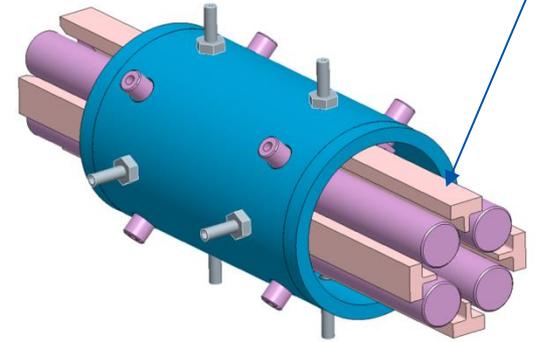
EASY and POWERFUL !
Not from Collision or Reaction cell !



Improved Interference Reduction (UCT™)



Axial Field Electrode



Physics

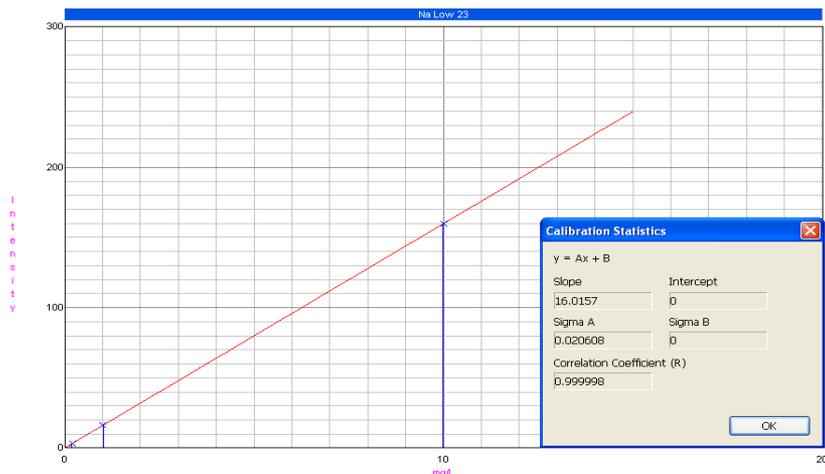
1. Quadrupole can create a band pass (DRC)
2. Quadrupole can become a passive ion guide (KED)
3. Multi-pole can only be a passive ion guide

Why is this important?

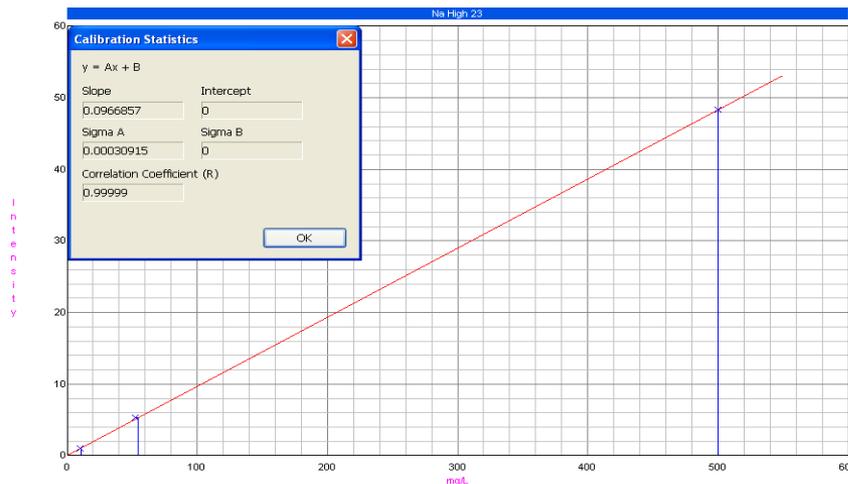
Extending Standard Working Range with EDR - Why is this important ?

- ▶ Selective attenuation of high signals through control of the bandpass parameters
- ▶ If needed both low and high calibration ranges can run in a single method

- ▶ Avoids dilutions
- ▶ Avoids rerunning samples
- ▶ All elements in the solution can be determined in a single analytical run



Standard Calibration of Sodium – from DL to 10 mg/L Range



Extended Calibration of Sodium – from DL to 500 mg/L Range

- ❖ Linear Dynamic Ranges (LDR) were run for all major analytes: Aluminum, Calcium, Iron, Magnesium, Potassium, and Sodium > 500 ppm
- ❖ These analytes in environmental samples are usually high and frequently require additional dilutions to bring them into range
 - ❖ Fewer dilutions for the user
 - ❖ Higher productivity for the lab

