









MALDI Mass Spectrometry Imaging

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Mass Spectrometry Imaging General workflow Ambient sources





Schematic outline of workflow





MALDI toward MALDI-MSI







Tissue Storage

Organ storage





Reactivity with Fixative Agents

| Fixateur | Groupements réactifs | | | | | | | |
|----------------------|----------------------|----------|-------|---------------------------------------|-----------|--|---------|------------|
| | Amines | Hydroxyl | Thiol | Carboxyl | Protéines | Polysaccharides | Lipides | Acides |
| | $-NH_2$ | -OH | -SH | -COOH | | | C=C | nucléiques |
| Chlorure mercurique | | + | + | + | + | | | + |
| Tétroxyde d'osmium | | | + | | | 9 8 | + | |
| Aldéhydes | + | | | | + | | | |
| Périodates | | | | | | + | | |
| Carbodiimides | + | | : | + | + | | | |
| Acide tannique | | 5 | | · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · | + | + | | |
| Diéthylpyrocarbonate | + | | | + | + | | | |
| Benzoquinone | + | + | | | + | С. — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — | | |





Tissue embedding

| Туре | Nom | Hydrophilie | Température | Durcissement ou | Application | |
|------------|--------------------------|-------------|--------------------|-----------------|-------------|----|
| 10.00 | | | d'imprégnation | polymérisation | МО | ME |
| | | | habituelle | | | |
| Paraffine | Paraplast | 0 | 60°C | t. ambiante | + | 0 |
| Protéines | Gélatine | +++ | 37°C | Sous vide | + | + |
| Acryliques | Glycol méthacrylate | +++ | 0°C à t. ambiante | UV, ~ 0°C | + | + |
| | Hydroxyéthylméthacrylate | + | 0°C à t. ambiante | 60°C | + | + |
| | LR White | + | -20°C à t. | UV, ~ 0°C | + | + |
| | | | ambiante | ou 60°C | | |
| | Lowicryl(s) | | | UV à basse ou | + | + |
| | K4M | +++ | ≤-30°C | très basse | | |
| | K11M | +++ | ≤-50°C | température | | |
| | HM20 | + | -20 à −50°C | | | |
| | HM23 | + | -50 à80°C | | | |
| | Unicryl | + | 0°C à ~ -25°C | UV (0 à ~ -25° | + | + |
| | | | | C) | | |
| | | | | ou 50-60°C | | |
| Epoxy | Araldite | 0 | 30-35°C | 60°C | + | + |
| | Épon | 0 | t. ambiante | 60°C | + | + |
| | Spurr | 0 | 0°C ou t. ambiante | 60-70°C | + | + |



Tissue cutting Optimal Cutting Temperature (OCT)



(A) OCT used to adhere the tissue to the sample stage but does not come into contact with the sliced tissue.(B) The tissue was embedded in OCT and attached to the sample stage.

- Tissue embedding into OCT => poor S/N
 - Never embed tissue in OCT

Schwartz et al., J. Mass Spectrom., 2003, 38, 699-708



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Gelatin/CMC based tissue embedding

Rat bone sections, solution 20% gelatin (w/v) and 7.5% CMC, (w/v)





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Tissue Sectionning & Mounting



Provided by Gregory Hamm

Recommended Temperatures for Cutting Unfixed Frozen Tissues

| tissue type | working temp., °C |
|-----------------|-------------------|
| brain | -12 |
| liver | -14 |
| lymph node | -14 |
| kidney | -16 |
| spleen | -16 |
| muscle | -20 |
| thyroid | -20 |
| skin | -25 |
| breast | -25 |
| breast with fat | -30 or below |
| adipose tissue | -30 or below |
| fixed tissue | -12 to -17 |



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Whole body Autoradiography vs MSI







STAINING

High spatial resolution and classical histology on a single tissue section







H&E staining of the tissue After the MALDI measurement, the remaining matrix was washed off the tissue by gently shaking it in a Petri dish in 95% ethanol for 20 s.

(a)-(c) Protein markers for different regions of the cerebellum (d) Overlay of these proteins in a single image (e) Overlay of the MALDI IMS image and the H&E stain (WM, whitematter; GM, gray matter; GC, granule cells)



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MALDI MSI and classical histology on a single tissue section



A. Optical image of a H&E stained tissues section showing several carcinomata *in situ* regions Molecular images of m/z 9,750 (Yellow) & m/z 4,519 (blue)
B. Overlay of H&E staining and molecular images

Walch et al., Histochem. Cell. Biol., 2008, 130, 421-34



Histology-directed Tissue Profiling



- A. H&E section with circular marks placed at sites to be profiled and colored according to histopathology, **red**, peritumoral stroma; **black**, IMC; **blue**, DCIS; and **green**, NTE
- B. illustration of the different surface areas profiled by the histology directed strategy (colored spots) and traditional profiling (100 nL of matrix deposited with mechanical pipette, shaded area)
- C. overlay of aligned H&E image and MALDI image
- D. MALDI section after robotic deposition of matrix onto designated sites



- A. unsupervised classification of profiles of specific cell types acquired from one breast tumor section
- B. spatial plot representing profile similarity of DCIS versus IMC as determined by multidimensional scaling of the top ranked markers identified by supervised classification
- C. H&E section with annotation marks colored to represent results of classification analysis

10.1074/mcp.M600119-MCP200



Washing



Seeley et al., J. Am. Soc. Mass Spectrom., 2008, 19, 1069-1077



Acetone immersion enhanced small molecule metabolites (SMMs)



MS images of representative SMMs which presented enhanced ion intensities after immersing with acetone in osteosarcoma section. CT, cancer tissue; PCT, paracancerous connective tissue; PMT, paracancerous muscular tissue.



MS images of representative SMMs which presented enhanced ion intensities after immersing with acetone in rat brain section. HC, hippocampus; CPC, corpus callosum; CBC, cerebral cortex.

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Tissue Washing Procedures

| analyte | protocol | |
|--|---|--|
| proteins | 70% ethanol, 90% ethanol, 95% ethanol, 3 wash steps, 30 s each step | |
| proteins ^{65,71} | 70% ethanol, 100% ethanol, Carnoy's fluid (2 min), 100% ethanol, H_2O , 100% ethanol; six wash steps, 30 s each step unless noted; Carnoy's fluid is composed of 6:3:1 (v:v:v) ethanol/chloroform/glacial acetic acid | |
| proteins/in situ trypsin digest ^{37,73} | 70% ethanol, 95% ethanol (2×), final wash in solution of 90% ethanol, 9% glacial acetic acid, 1% H_2O , 4 wash steps, 30 s each step | |
| peptides73-75 | 70% ethanol, 95% ethanol $(2\times)$, 3 wash steps, 10 s each step | |
| lipids ⁷⁶ | 50 mM ammonium formate (pH 6.4, 4 °C) for 15 s | |



MALDI Imaging Matrix application





Sublimation of 1,5-DAN



MALDI MS spectra acquired from a mouse brain section coated with DAN by sublimation in the positive (red) and negative (blue) ionization modes. A* indicates potassium adducts.

Consecutive IMS of lipids in the negative and positive ionization modes from a transversal mouse brain section after DAN sublimation. Ion images are correlated to a serial section after H&E staining. Imaging MS data were acquired with a lateral resolution of 100 µm with a 50 µm offset between the positive and negative grid arrays.

Negative polarity

m/z715.5 PA-o 38:1 m/z744.5 PE 36:2 m/z754.4 PS 34: m/z786.5 PS 36:2 m/z762.5 PE 38:6 m/z774.4 PE 40:6 m/z822.6 ST 18:0(OH) m/z857.5 PI 36:4 m/z888.6 ST 24:1 m/965.5 PIP 38:4 m/z1544.9 GM1a 36:2 **Positive polarity**



m/z816.6 PC 38:1 m/z832.5 PC 40.7 m/z834.7 PC40:6





m/z700.5 PE-p 34:1

m/z715.6 PA-o 38:1

m/z766.6 PE 38:4







m/z774.6 PE-p 40:6







m/z878.6 ST 22:0(OH)

High spatial resolution IMS of lipids in the negative ionization mode from a transversal mouse cerebellum region coated with DAN by sublimation and acquired with a lateral resolution of 10 µm. In the H&E staining, a, b, and c represent white matter and the molecular and granular layers, respectively

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Sublimation

| matrix | positive polarity | negative polarity | sublimation temperature (°C) | sublimation time (min) | deposited amount $(\mu g/cm^2)$ |
|--------|----------------------|----------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| CHCA | ** | * | 180 | 20 | 50 |
| DAN | **** | **** | 140 | 5 | 110 |
| DHA | - | _ | 140 | 2.45 | 120 |
| DIT | ** | ** | 140 | 2.5 | 100 |
| DHB | *** | ** | 140 | 4.25 | 120 |
| DMAN | - | _ | 140 | 2 | 150 |
| MBT | **** | ** | 140 | 3.5 | 80 |
| NIT | - | - | 100 | 3 | 110 |
| SA | * | * | 165 | 10 | 150 |
| THAP | **** | ** | 160 | 2 | 180 |
| 3-HPA | ** | * | 160 | 5 | 100 |
| 9-AA | ** | * | 190 | 15 | 110 |

^{*a*}The number of stars indicates the observed performance of the matrix according to the polarity with *, **, ***, **** representing low, medium, high, and very high, respectively. Matrices unstable under vacuum are not evaluated (-).

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HTX Sublimator TM



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PLANE ADD

MATRIX deposition devices

iMLayer Matrix Vapor Deposition System



HTX M5 Sprayer TM



Microspotter









CH1:0.22 [kPa] CH2:-0.65 [kPa] CH3:0.13 [kPa] CH4:-0.02 [kPa]

<u>Spatial Resolution</u>: Low <u>Applications</u>: Drugs, Lipids, peptides/proteins





DHB

Different matrices for different applications

| Matrix class | Matrix names | Targets |
|-------------------------|--|--|
| Classical organics | 2,5-Dihydroxybenzoic acid (DHB) | Lipids, peptides, neuropeptides, drugs, small proteins |
| | α-Cyano-4-hydroxy cinnamic acid (CHCA/CCA) | Proteins, peptides, N-glycans, lipids |
| | Sinapinic acid (SA) | Proteins and peptides |
| | 4-Chloro-α-cyanocinnamic acid (CICCA) | Proteins and peptides |
| | 2,5-Dihydroxyacetophenone (2,5-DHAP) | Phospholipids, proteins |
| | 9-Aminoacridine (9-AA) | Free fatty acids, lipids |
| | 1,5-Diaminonaphthalene (1,5-DAN) | Glycolipids, metabolites |
| | 2-(2-Aminoethylamino)-5-nitropyridine | Phospholipids |
| | 2-Mercaptobenzothiazole | Phospholipids |
| | 4-Nitroaniline (PNA) | Phosphatidylethanolamine |
| | Norhamane | Bile acids, lipids |
| | Dithranol | Di-and triacylglycerols |
| | 1,6-Diphenyl-1,3,5-hexatriene (DPH) | Free fatty acids |
| | 1,8-Bis(dimethylamino) naphthalene (DMAN) | Free fatty acids |
| | N1,N4-Dihbenzylidenebene-1,4-diamine (DBDA) | Fatty acids |
| | Meso-tetratkis (pentafluorophenyl)-porphyrin | Free fatty acids |
| | 2,4-Dihydroxyacetophenone (DHAP) | Glycoproteins |
| | 2.4,6-Trihydroxyacetophenone (THAP) | Lipids |
| | Picolinic acid | Oligonucleotides |
| | Succinic acid | Oligonucleotides |
| Reactive matrices | 2.4-Diphenyl-pyranylium tetrafluoroborate (DPP-TFB) | Small molecule amines, neurotransmitters |
| | 2.4,6-Trimethyl-pyranylium tetrafluoroborate (TMP-TFB) | Dopamine |
| | p-N,N,N-Trimethy lammonioanilyl N-hydroxysuccinimidyl carbamate iodide (TAHS) | Steroids and catecholamine |
| | 4-Hvdroxy-3-methoxycinnamaldehvde (CA) | |
| | 2.3.4.5-Tetrakis (31.4-dihydroxylphenyl)thiophene (DHPT) | |
| | 2-Eluoro-1-methyl pyridinium (EMP) derivatives | Neurotransmitters |
| Inorganic nanomaterials | Metal based (e.g., gold, silver, titanium oxide) | Small molecules |
| | Silicon based (e.g., nanopost arrays, nanowires, nanopillars) | Small molecules |
| Room-temperature ionic | DHB-Pv, DHB-MI (1-methylimidazole), DHB-TBA, SA-TBA | Small molecules |
| liquids | CCA-DEA (N.N-diethvlaniline), CCA-ANI (Aniline) | Peptides |
| nderee | SA-TBA, SA- Et₂N (triethvlamine) | Proteins |
| | 9-AA-NEDC | Lipids |
| | DHB-BuA (n-butvlamine), CCA-MI, DHB-Pv | Carbohydrates |
| | CCA-Pv. CCA-MI. CCA-BuA | Phospholipids |
| | HPA (hydroxypicolinic acid)-DEA, CCA-ANI, CCA-MI | Oligonucleotides |



Polyphenylated fluoromethylpyridinium reactive matrix





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Specific matrices for MSI

Solid Ionic Matrices (SIM)



• SIM provide better intense signal of peptides, better extraction?







Most Common Mass Analyzer for MALDI-MSI



Effect of resolution of the resulting image



m/z 6755 of mouse cerebellum @ 200, 100, 50 & 25µm



Lateral resolution: laser focusing

Smartbeam 3D: 5µm /10kHz





AP-SMALDI





A) Orbitrap full-scan spectrum. B) Overlay of ion images: m/z 770.5097 (red) and m/z 770.5580 (green). C) Averaged orbitrap spectrum showing both separated peaks

\checkmark SMALDI-MS-Orbitrap => sub-cellular resolution (0.5–10 μ m)

- \checkmark Mass accuracy of 2 ppm.
- ✓ Applications : small molecules

Römpp et al., Angew Chem Int Ed Engl., 2010, 49, 3834-3838

870.5849 896.5995

860

876.5867

SM(16:0)+K+



Continuous Accumulation of Selected Ions (CASI)



(a) isolation of a small m/z window by CASI

(b) selected ion ejection of a small m/z range



Imaging mass spectrometry analysis of a rat brain (left hemisphere) full-scan acquisition mode (right hemisphere) using a 75 Da CASI window centered at m/z 845 Ion images for a range of lipids within the CASI window show improved brightness (i.e., sensitivity) and contrast (i.e., dynamic range).

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Contribution of high spectral resolution





MALDI Orbitrap



Mass spectrometric images of the total ion current of serial rat spinal cord sections analyzed by

- (A) an Orbitrap analyzer
- (B) a linear ion trap



(A) Mass spectrum of m/z region 844-845 showing at least that 5 peaks are detected. The mass spectrometric images correspond to (B) the 1 amu mass range and the peaks at (C) 844.4690, (D) 844.5292, and (E) 844.9463

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High-speed MALDI Imaging





Bruker rapiflex Tissuetyper

Ogrinc Potočnik et al., Rapid Commun. Mass Spectrom., 2015.



High-speed MALDI Imaging

- 33,934 pixels in ~17 min, ~33 pixels/s
- 1 pixel/s would take over 9 h for a single image

Negative ion imaging of mouse brain 50×50 µm raster



20×20 µm raster





High-Repetition-Rate Laser in an AP-SMALDI



| Pixelat | ed scan | Line scan | | |
|-----------|---|---|------------------------------------|--|
| Spot mode | Full pixel mode (pixel size ≥ 25 um) | Continuous mode (pixel size ≤ 20 µm) | Burst mode (pixel size ≥ 20 μm) | |
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High-Repetition-Rate Laser in an AP-SMALDI





Antigen retrieval & FFPE tissue

MALDI analysis of FFPE tissue



- (A) Comparison of MALDI mass spectra in the linear positive mode of the direct analysis of a <1 year old FFPE and fresh frozen rat brain tissues recorded in the same region with sinapinic acid as matrix
- (B) MALDI mass spectrum in the linear positive mode of the direct analysis of a >1 year old FFPE tissue
 - Adducts observed (+12Da) => formation of a Protein-N=CH2
 - After 1 year, sample are difficult to analyze => crosslink



Antigen Retrieval Strategies

| Chemical approach | |
|---|--|
| Enzymatic digestion | Proteinase K, trypsin, chymotrypsin, pronase, pepsin, N-glycanase F, hyaluronidase |
| Denaturant and chaotropic treatments | Formic acid, guanidine hydrochloride, guanidine thiocyanate, urea, boric acid, acetic acid SkipDewax [™] , sodium dodecyl sulfate, citraconic acid |
| Bleaching (oxidizing treatment) | Periodic acid, hydrogen peroxide, sodium meta periodate |
| Etching | Sodium (potassium) hydroxide in (m)ethanol |
| Detergent treatment | Triton X-100 |
| Physical approach | |
| Heat treatment | Source: microwave, autoclave, pressure cooker, steamer, water bath. In solution of: distilled water, sucrose, EDTA, EGTA, TBS, aluminum chloride, zinc sulfate, lead thiocyanate, citrate buffer, borate. |
| Ultrasound treatment | |



High-throughput proteomic analysis of FFPE tissue



(a) TMA H&E with histological regions marked(b) TMA spotted with trypsin/matrix for MS analysis



Overlay of average spectra from a squamous cell carcinoma needle core biopsy and an adjacent normal tissue needle core biopsy taken from the same patient

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Highlights and breakthroughs of MALDI-MSI in oncology





MALDI-MSI in oncology





Glioma grade III classification



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Glioma grade III classification

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Intratumour heterogeneity intestinal-type gastric cancer









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Spatially Resolved Mass Spectrometry at the Single Cell



Illustration of how physiological state heterogeneity occurring across a cell population within a sample may not be resolved by bulk omics measurements (purple line). In this example, two discrete subpopulations of cells can be resolved by measuring each cell, which will resolve the predominate cell population (blue) from a minor cell population (yellow)



CELL SIZE/SPATIAL RESOLUTION



Transmission-Mode MALDI Mass Spectrometry Imaging of Single Cells



Ion distribution images of selected glycosphingo- and phospholipids and an unknown compound at m/z 614.322 analyzed by t-MALDI- 2-MSI from :

- (A) HCT 116
- (B) DLD-1
- (C) LLC-PK1 cells



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Data Processing and visualization

MSI software packages





Deninger et al., J. Proteom. Res, 2008, 7, 5230-5236

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