

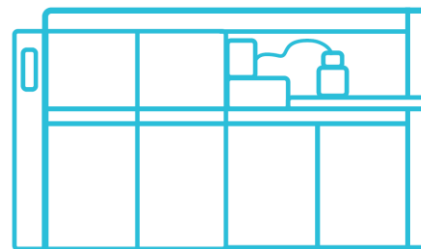


Latest developments in elemental analysis - Introducing the Thermo Scientific iCAP TQ ICP-MS

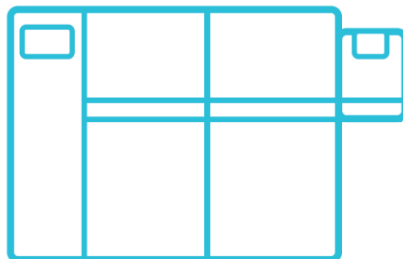
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Introducing our ICP-MS portfolio

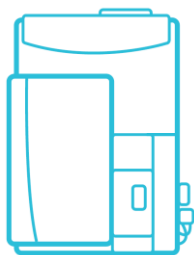
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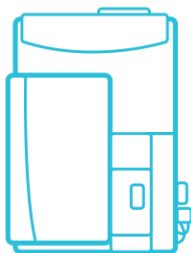
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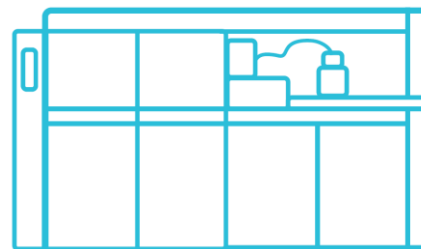


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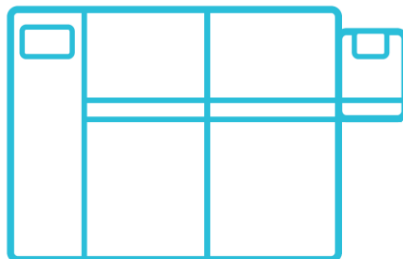


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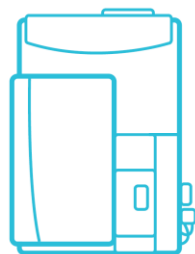
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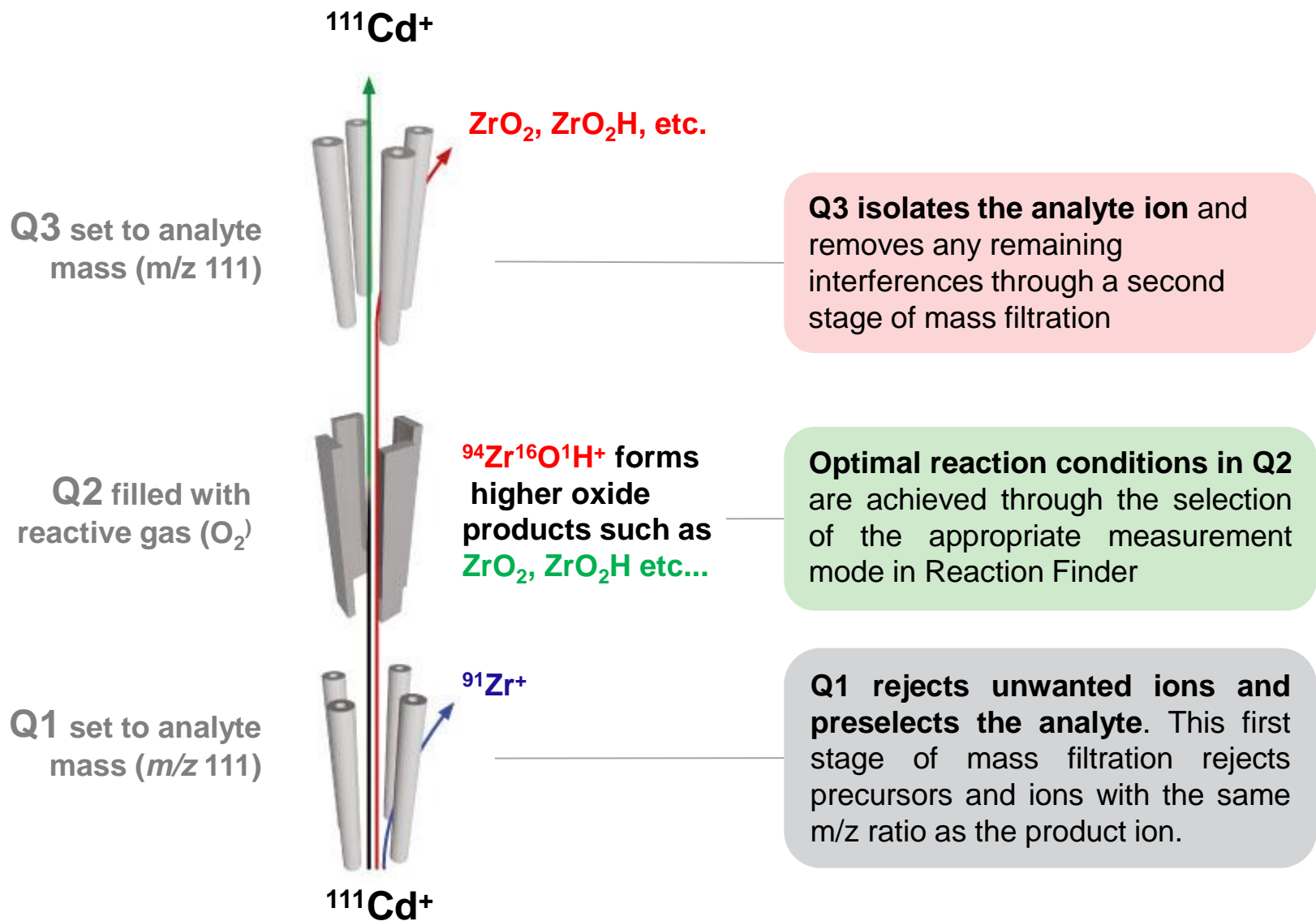
All the Power, None of the Complexity

- ✓ **Advanced interference removal**
- ✓ **Robust design for routine analysis**
- ✓ **Integrated automation options**
- ✓ **Flexible for advanced applications**
- ✓ **Unique ease of use – Reaction Finder**

**Triple quadrupole accuracy with
single quadrupole ease of use**

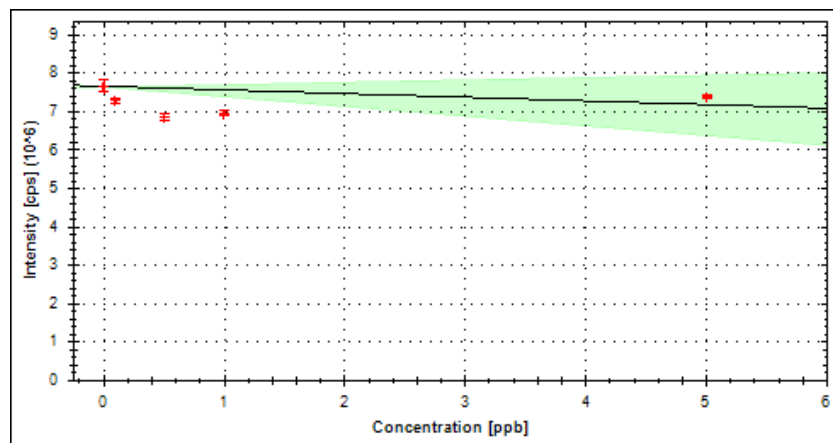
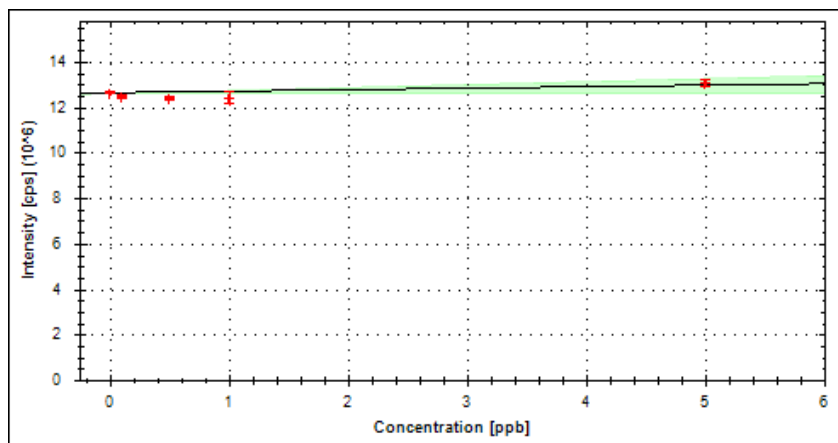


iCAP TQ ICP-MS: How it works - on mass reaction mode

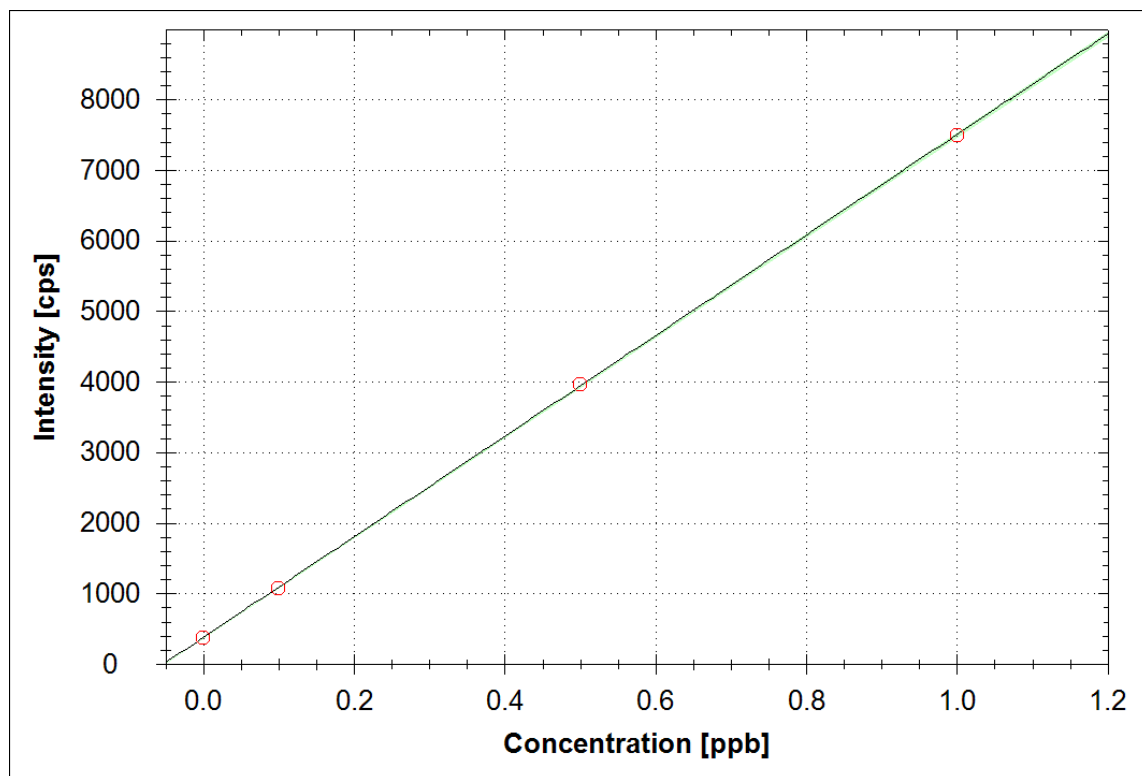


Yb in Gd matrix

- Calibration 0-5ppb Yb in 10ppm Gd – no gas
- Calibration 0-5ppb Yb in 10ppm Gd – KED
- NH_3 reacts with many of the polyatomic ions that interfere with the REE however NH_3 also reacts quickly with some REE.
- Pr, Eu, Dy, Ho, Er, Tm and Yb are less reactive with NH_3



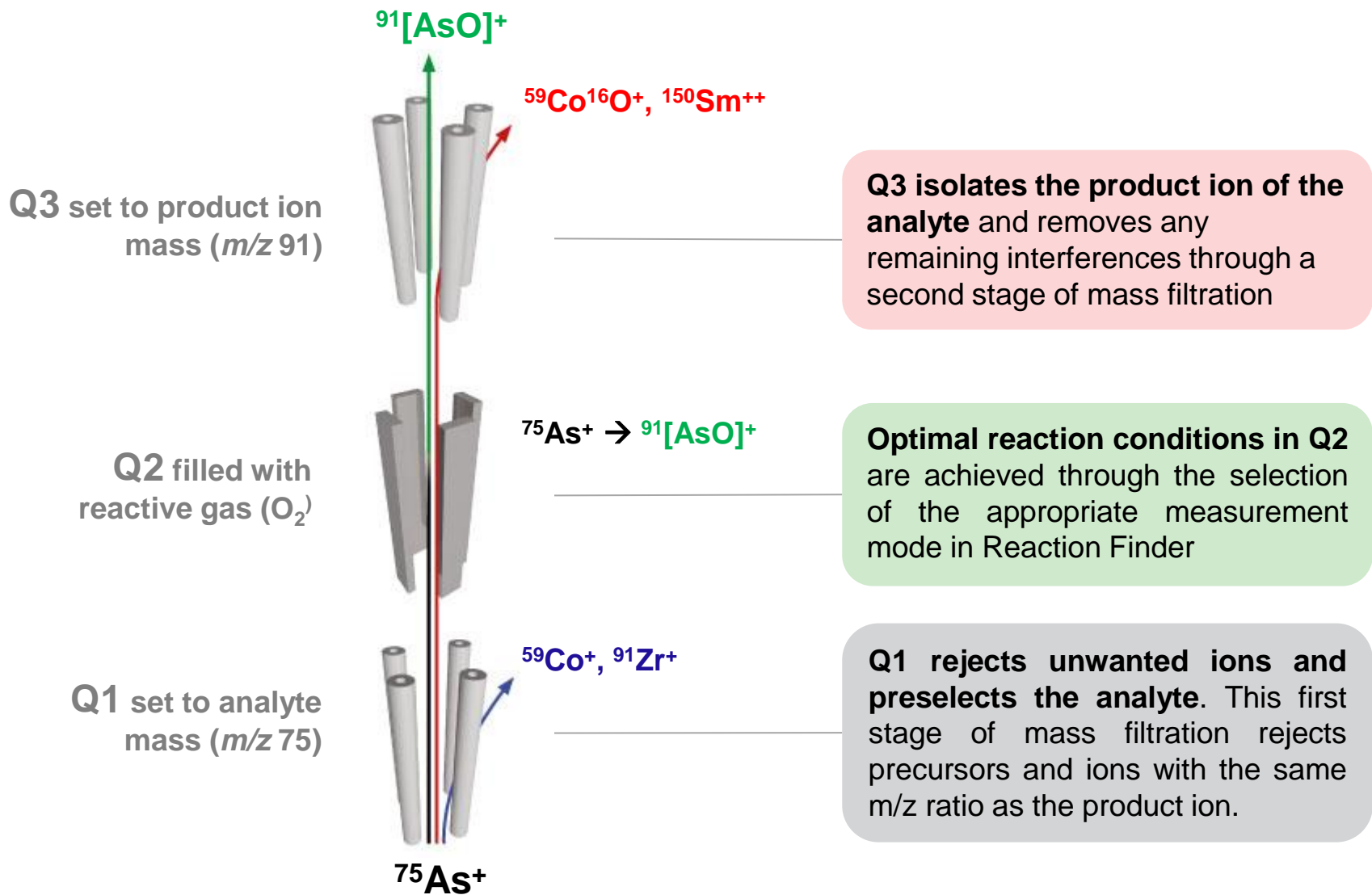
Yb measurement in 10pm Gd – TQ NH₃



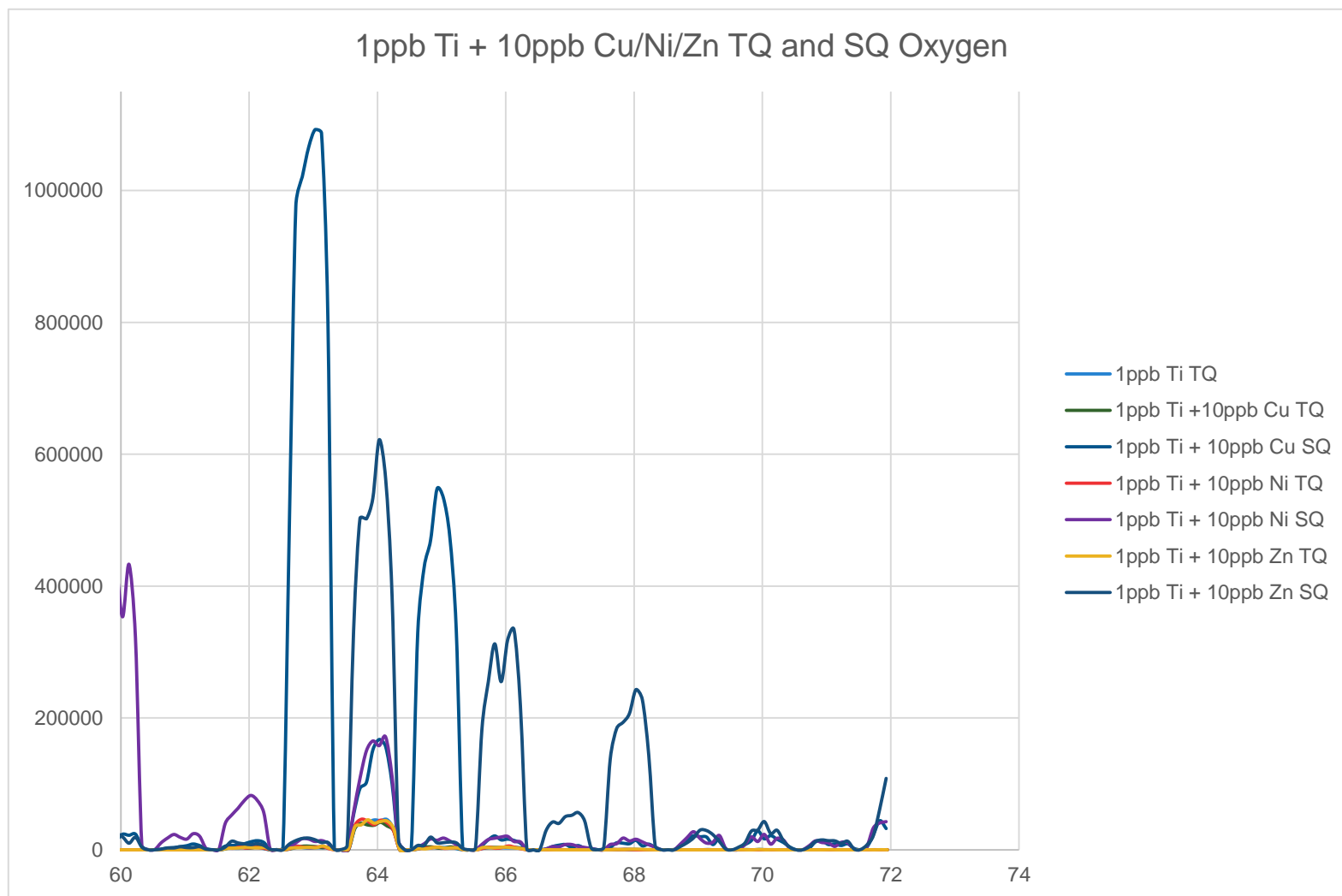
- Sensitivity – 7100 cts/ppb
- BEC – 0.05 ppb
- IDL – 0.0001ppb

- Measure Yb on mass at 172
- NH₃ flow – 0.9ml/min

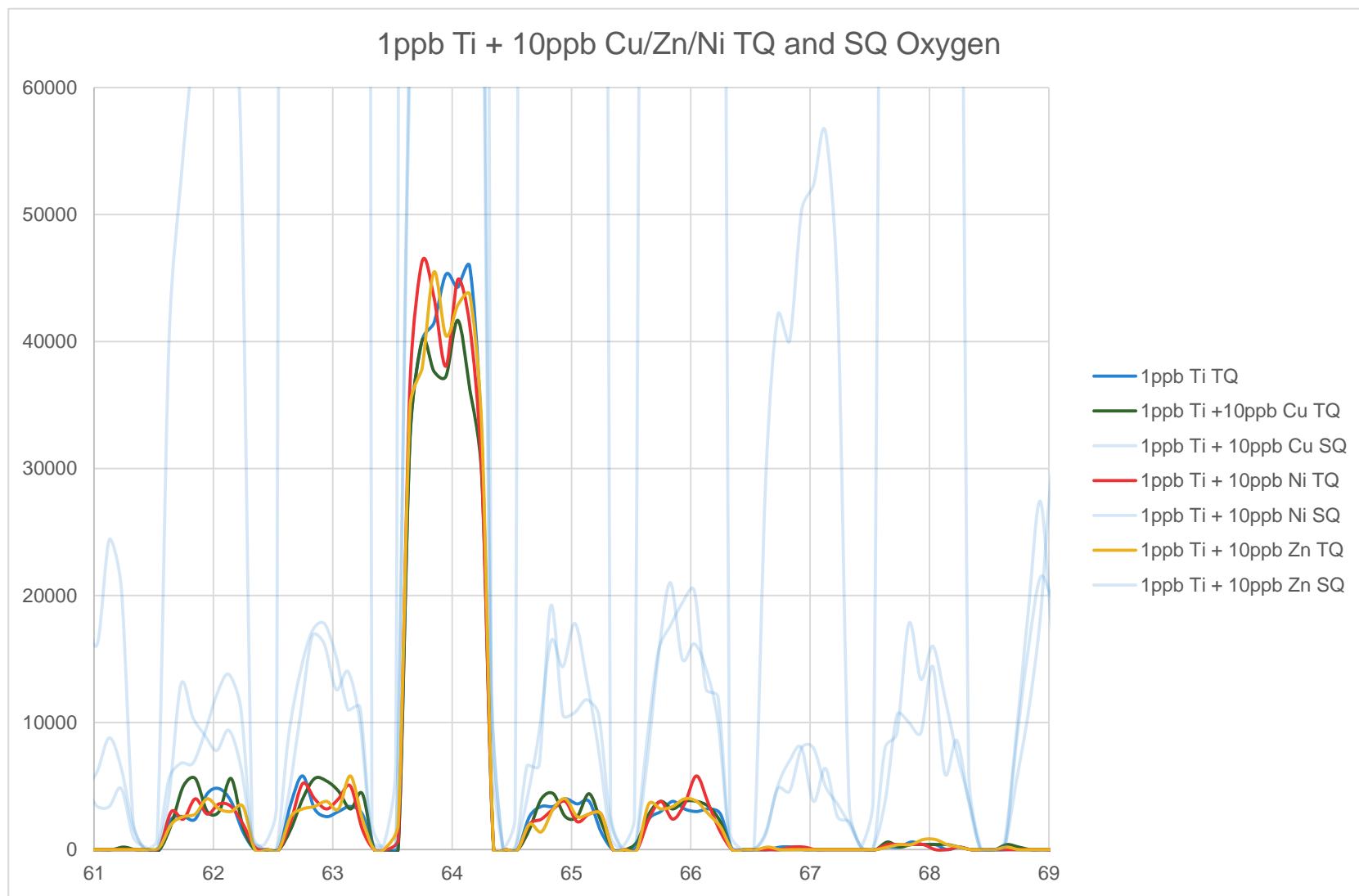
iCAP TQ ICP-MS: How it works - product ion reaction mode



1ppb Ti – TQ and SQ modes (Oxygen)

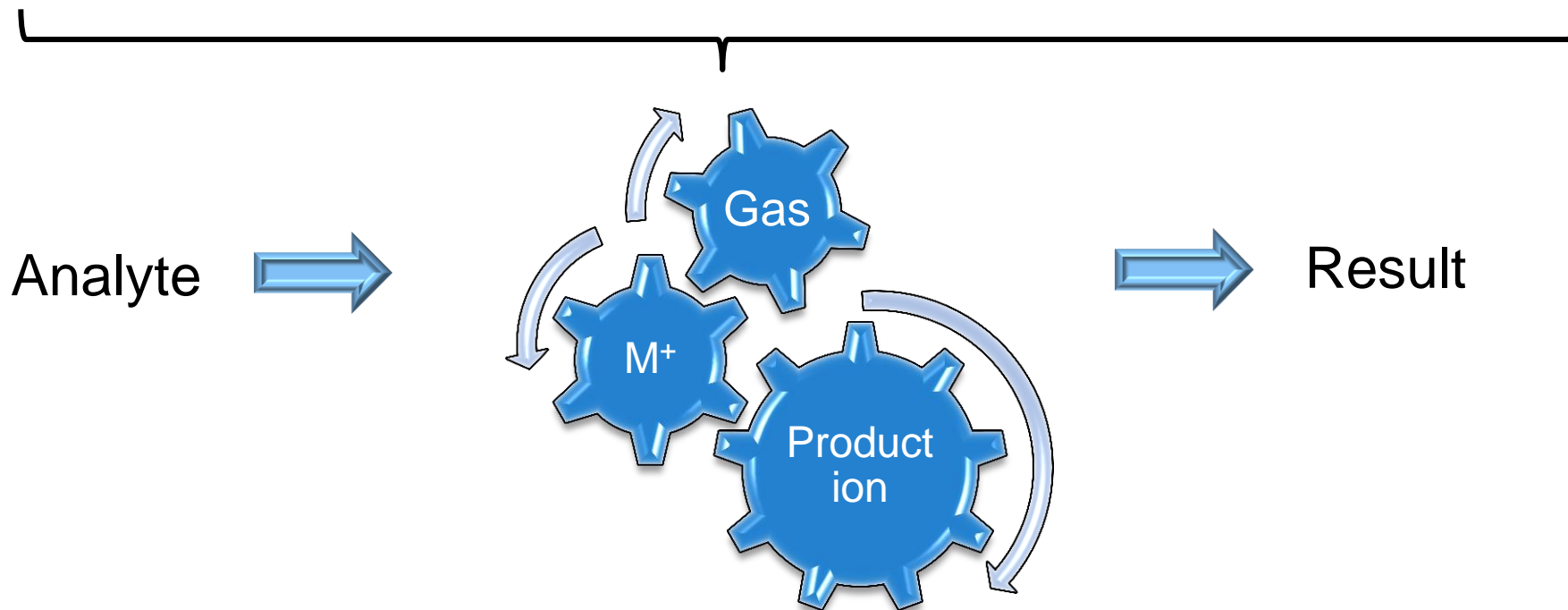


1ppb Ti – TQ – mass shift oxygen



All the Power, None of the Complexity

- Problem: when faced with measurement of a sample where interferences are expected, which is the best measurement mode?
- Solution: method development assistant – Reaction Finder
 - Software concept for intelligent selection of all 3 parameters
 - Just select the element for analysis and the software does the rest



Reaction Finder method development assistant

Without Reaction Finder

Select

- Select the Analytes to be measured

Select

- For each analyte, select the isotopes to be measured

Select

- Select the internal standard element

Select

- Select the Q1 Analyte

Select

- Select the CRC gas (None, He, H₂, O₂, NH₃)

Select

- Select the mode (KED, Single Quad Mode, Triple Quad Mode)

Select

- Select the Q3 Mass (On-mass/mass shift product ion)

Decide

- Are the suggested settings ok? If not, update them

Analyze

- Enter sample names and positions or import from LIMS and start the LabBook

With Reaction Finder

Select

- Select the Analytes to be measured

Select

- Select the internal standard element

Decide

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Reaction Finder in Thermo Scientific™ Qtegra™ ISDS Software

Reaction Finder is a supplied applet that preselects optimised conditions for each target isotope in each available mode

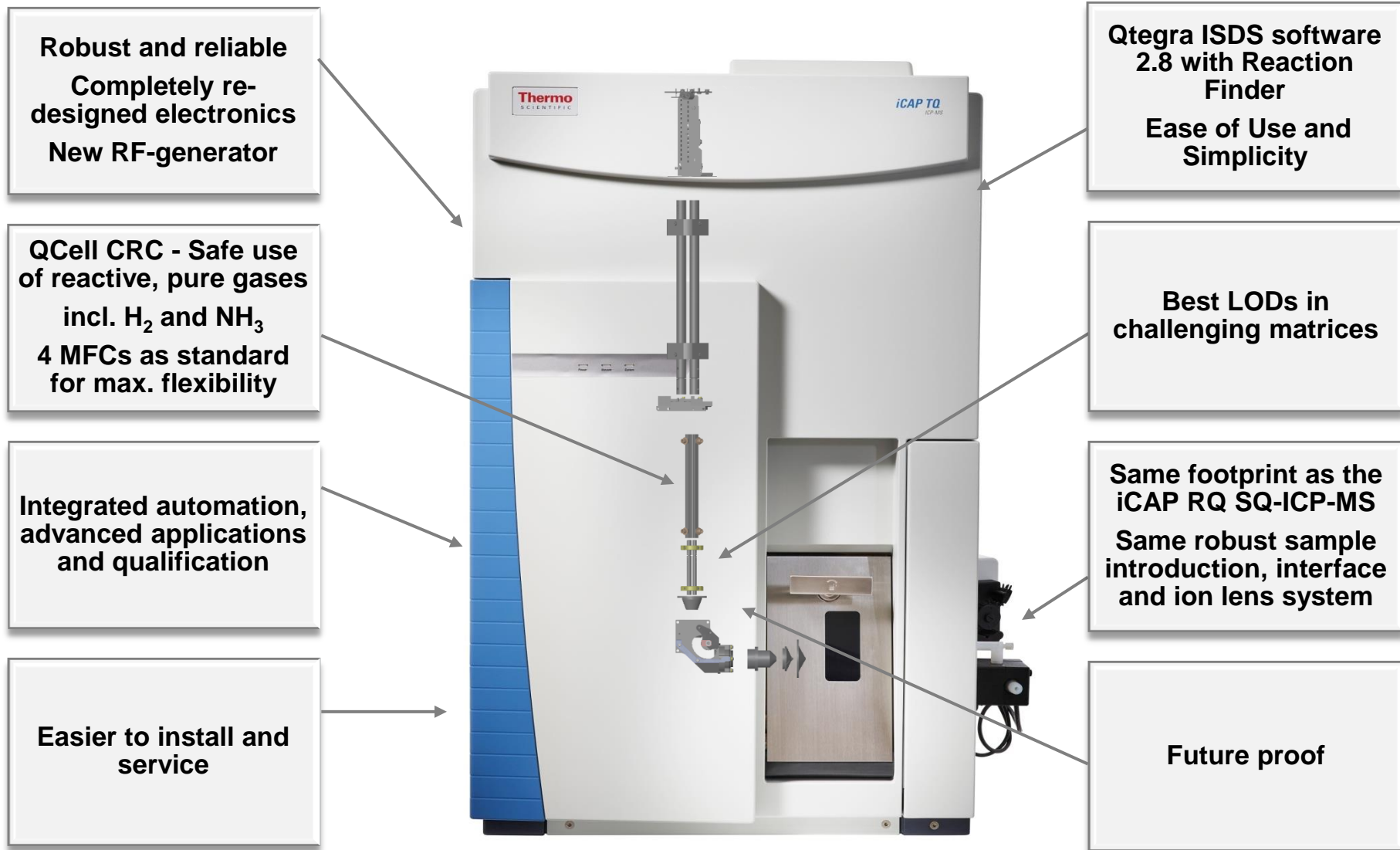
For example for ^{31}P , the Reaction Finder database defines the following method parameters:

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Isotope	31P	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	O ₂ (Oxygen)	30.9737634	31P.16O	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Isotope	31P	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	O ₂ (Oxygen)	30.9737634	31P.17O	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Isotope	31P	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	O ₂ (Oxygen)	30.9737634	31P.18O	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Isotope	31P	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	O ₂ (Oxygen)	30.9737634	31P.16O2	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Isotope	31P	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	H ₂ (Hydrogen)	30.9737634	31P	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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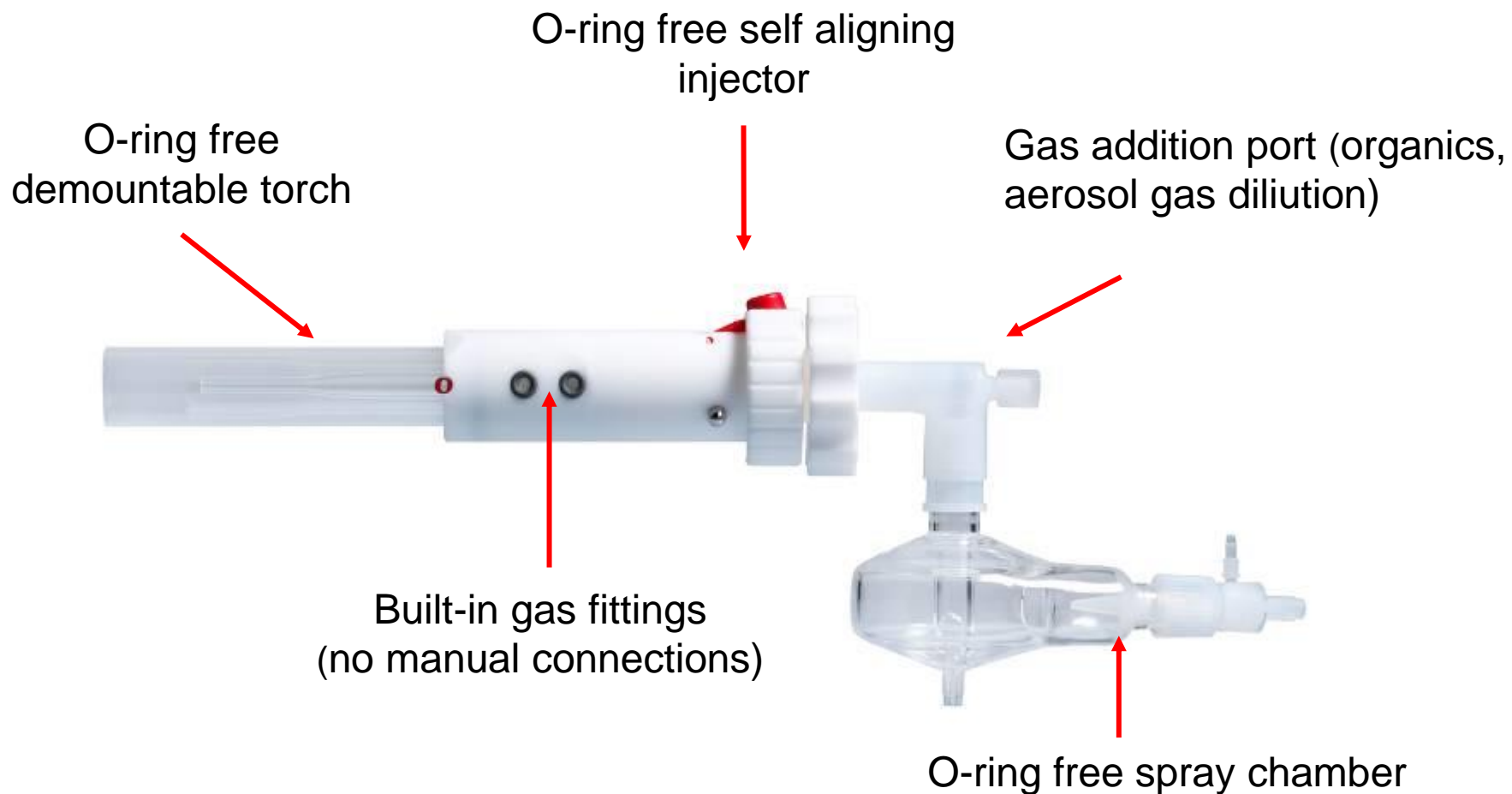
None of the complexity, all of the flexibility:

- **Default reactions for all modes of iCAP TQ ICP-MS operation including collision/ reaction gases such as O₂, H₂, NH₃ and He**
- **Dedicated mass flow controller for each cell gas**

iCAP TQ ICP-MS – Feature summary



Intuitive quick-connect sample introduction components



Interface design

Bench level pop-out interface for easy ambidextrous access to the cones

and

the extraction lens for simplest possible routine maintenance

...without needing to break the vacuum



Ion focusing: the *RAPID* lens

Right

Angle

Positive

Ion

Deflection

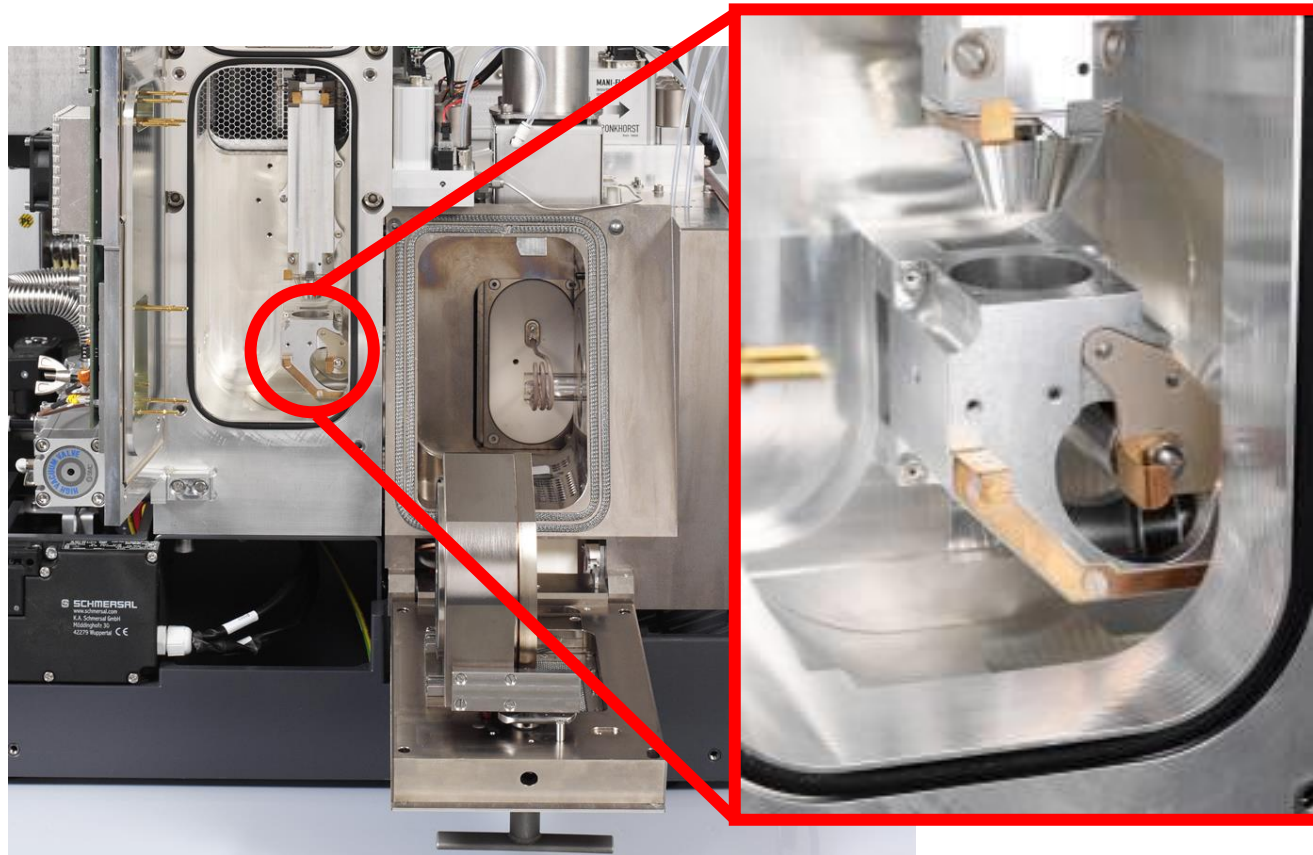
90° ion focusing with
total ion deflection in 3
dimensions

and

Elimination of neutral
species

for

Highest signal to noise
ratio of any ICP-MS



Redefining trace element analysis – application areas

Meeting human health
and environmental challenges

Advancing development in
metals, materials and chemicals



- **Clinical Research and Toxicology**
- **Metallopharmaceuticals**
- **Environmental Analysis/Monitoring**
- **Food Safety**

- **Material Analysis**
- **Nanoparticle Characterization**
- **Metallurgy**
- **Energy Production**

Arsenic and selenium in environmental samples

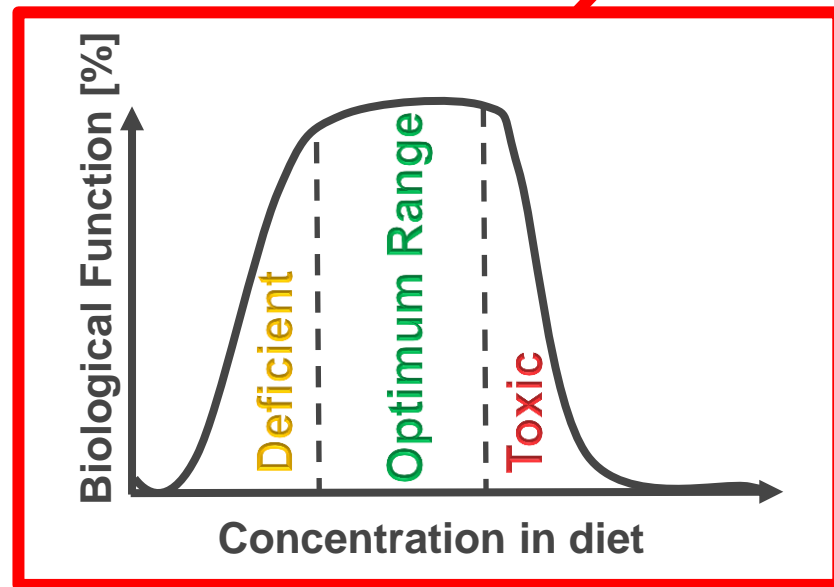
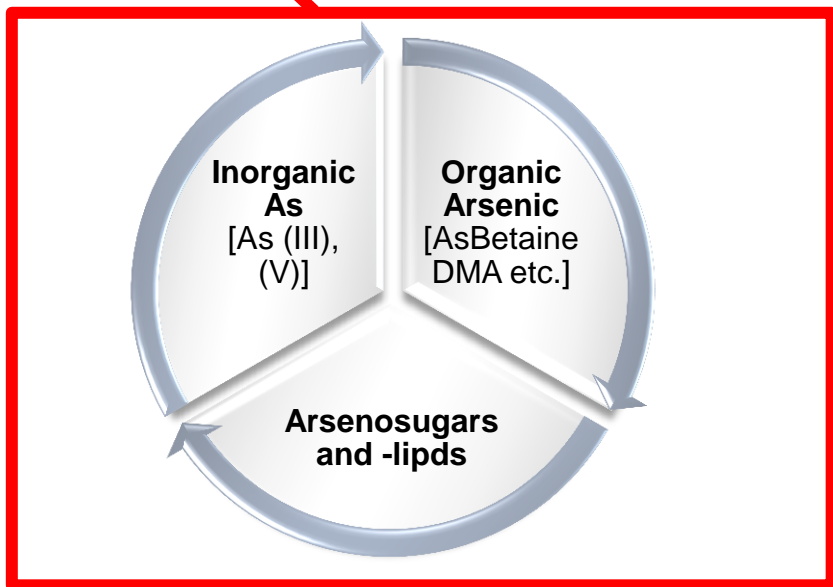
Low levels in samples



Multiple interferences:
 ArCl^+ , Ar_2^+ and REE^{++}

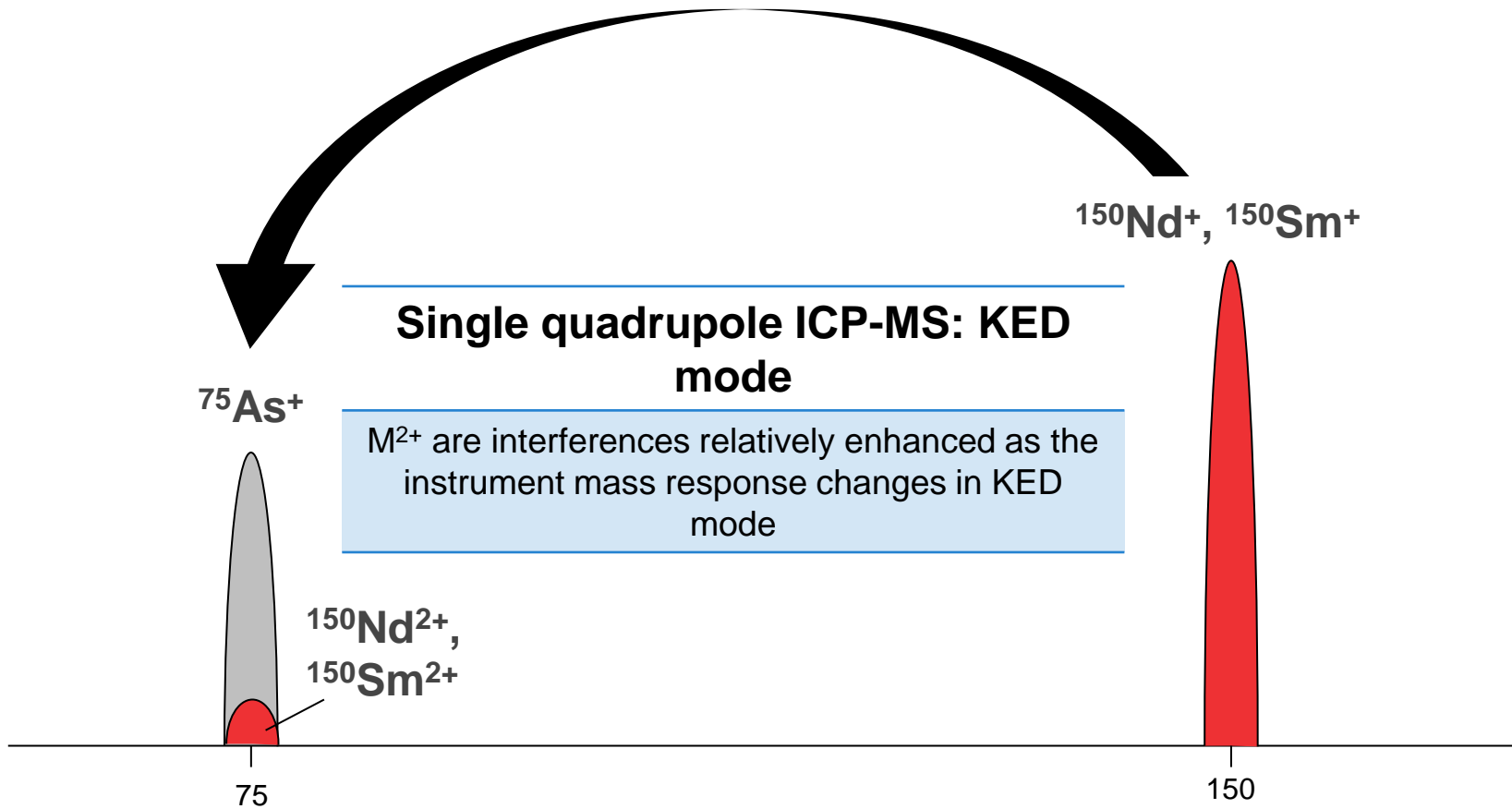
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As
Arsenic
74.921595

34
Se
Selenium
78.971



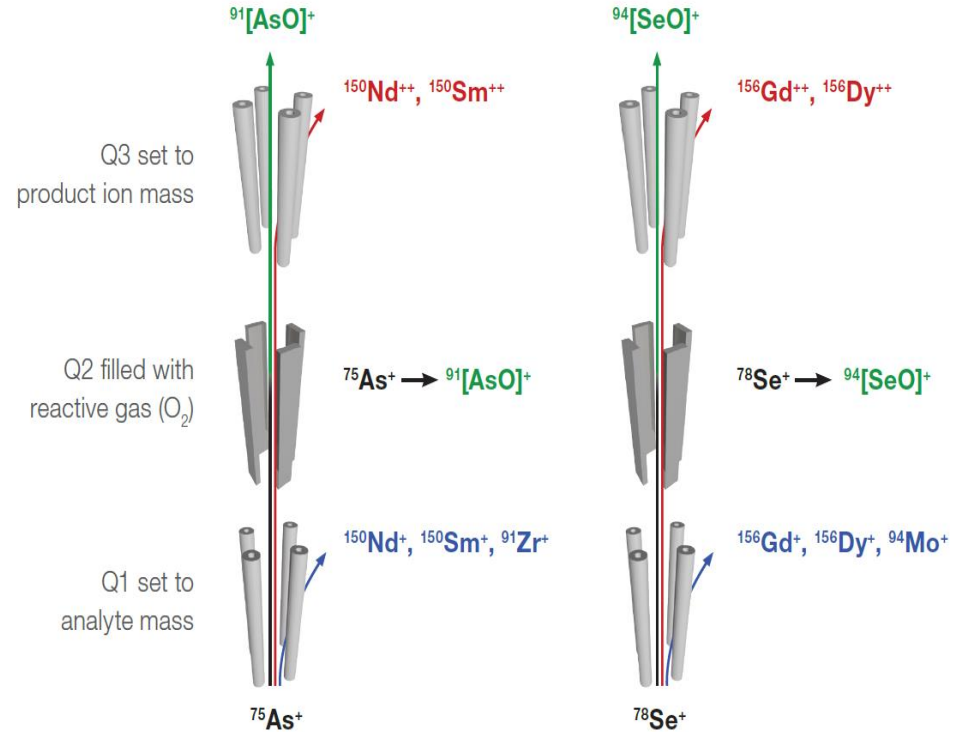
As and Se analysis in the presence of REE's – the problem

Usual interferences on As and Se - Ar₂, ArCl - easy to remove using He KED, but if REE are present...



As and Se analysis in the presence of REE's: the iCAP TQ solution

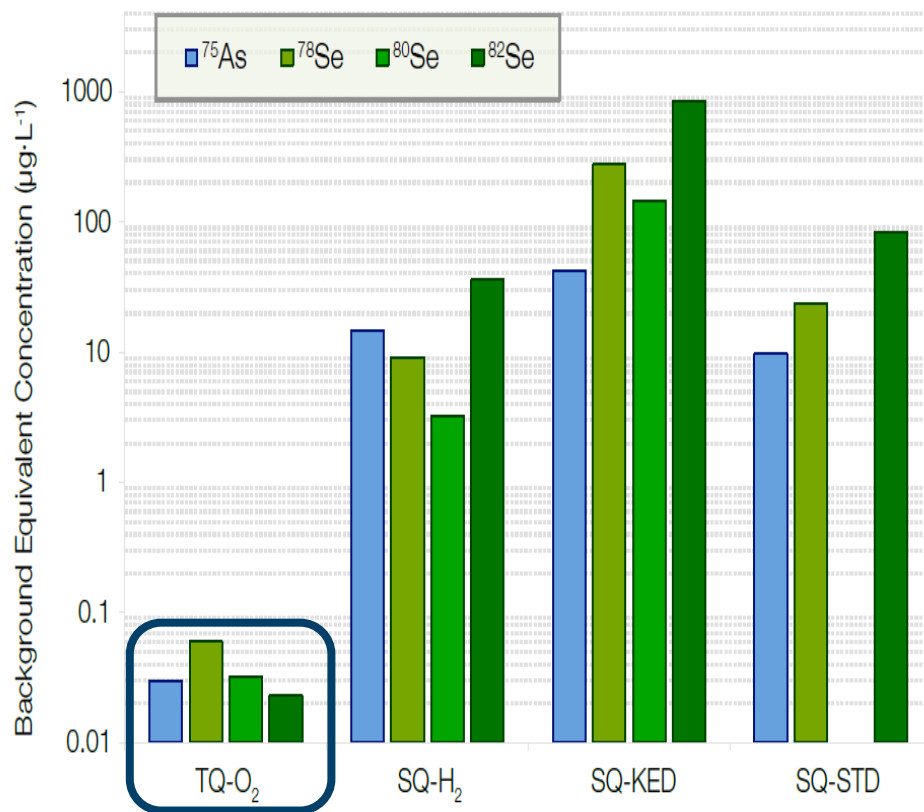
- Control ions entering the collision cell using **Q1**
- Use O_2 to efficiently convert As and Se to AsO^+ and SeO^+ in **Q2** (i.e. the collision cell)
- REE⁺⁺ species don't react
- Selectively detect AsO^+ (at mass 91) and SeO^+ (at mass 94) free from REE⁺⁺ interference, using **Q3**



Type	^{75}As	Method to remove	^{78}Se	Method to remove
Polyatomic	$^{40}Ar^{35}Cl$	KED	$^{40}Ar^{38}Ar$	KED, H_2
	$^{40}Ca^{35}Cl$			
Isobaric	$^{150}Nd^{2+}$	O_2	$^{156}Gd^{2+}$	O_2
	$^{150}Sm^{2+}$		$^{156}Dy^{2+}$	

As and Se with REE present - results in different modes

Interference removal capability in each mode



- 1ppm Dy, Gd, Nd, Sm and Tb added
- Increased BECs observed for all SQ-modes due to unresolved doubly charged REE interferences
- Hydrogen is suitable for removing Ar based polyatomics, but is not capable of fully removing REE²⁺ interferences
- TQ-O₂ mode shows dramatically lower BEC values for both As and Se
- Accuracy assessed by analysis of AGV andesite reference material and a deep sea sediment
- Spike recovery tests also performed

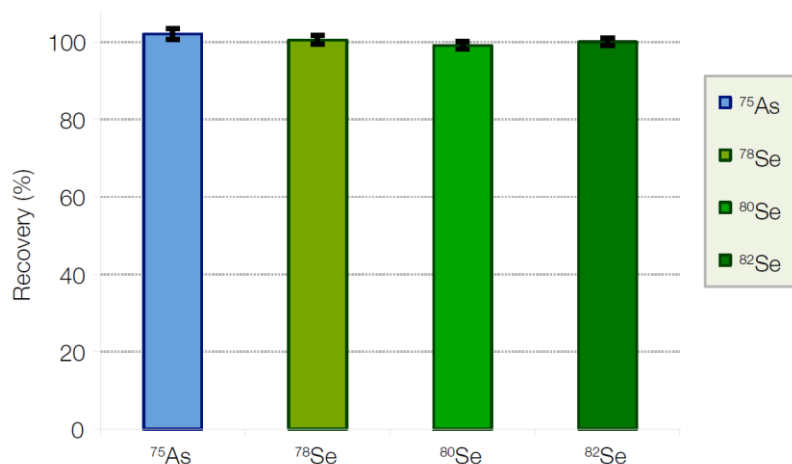
Proving the accuracy of the analysis

Sample analysis results

AGV-1	Content in original sample ($\mu\text{g}\cdot\text{g}^{-1}$)	Certified content ($\mu\text{g}\cdot\text{g}^{-1}$)
^{75}As	0.892	0.88
^{78}Se	< LOQ	-
Deep Sea Sediment		
^{75}As	1.303	-
^{78}Se	0.109	-

101% recovery for As in AGV reference material

Spike recovery in REE matrix solution (1 ppb As and Se)



Spike recovery results in samples (1 ppb As and Se)

Analyte	AGV-1	Sediment
Arsenic	94.6 %	97.6 %
Selenium	93.4 %	97.6 %

Multi-element results: River water reference material (NRC SLRS-5)

Analyte	Measurement Mode	Measured $\mu\text{g/L}$	Certified Concentration	Recovery %
^{23}Na	KED	5085	5380	95
^{24}Mg	KED	2665	2540	105
^{27}Al	KED	55.3	49.5	112
^{39}K	KED	863	839	103
^{56}Fe	KED	93.2	91.2	102
^{59}Co	KED	0.05	0.05	107
^{60}Ni	KED	0.52	0.48	110
^{63}Cu	KED	18.2	17.4	105
^{75}As	TQ-O2	0.43	0.41	104
^{78}Se	TQ-O2	0.10		
^{208}Pb	KED	0.08		
^{238}U	KED	0.10	0.09	109

Determination of trace elements in metals and alloys

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Ni

Nickel

58.6934

Nickel alloys are used for industrial applications where resistance to high temperature is required e.g. aircraft turbine blades. Selenium content is critical, as this leads to weakness in the alloy composition

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Se

Selenium

78.971

NiO⁺ interference

*Solid
Sampling*



LA-ICP-MS



GD-MS

*Liquid
Sampling*



ICP-MS

Analysis of Se impurities in a Ni matrix

- Se analysis using ICP-MS

- Elevated 1st ionization potential → low ion yield
- Main isotopes affected through Ar based polyatomics
- Additional Ni interferences on all Se isotopes
- Potential for additional interferences in case Br is present

Isotope <i>m/z</i>	Abundance (%)
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KED or H₂

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74	0.90		$58\text{Ni}^{16}\text{O}^+$
76	9.00	$40\text{Ar}^{36}\text{Ar}^+$	$60\text{Ni}^{16}\text{O}^+$
77	7.60	$40\text{Ar}^{37}\text{Cl}^+$	$60\text{Ni}^{16}\text{O}^1\text{H}^+$
78	23.60	$40\text{Ar}^{38}\text{Ar}^+$, 78Kr^+	$62\text{Ni}^{16}\text{O}^+$
80	49.70	$40\text{Ar}^{40}\text{Ar}^+$, 80Kr^+	$64\text{Ni}^{16}\text{O}^+$
82	9.20	82Kr^+	$64\text{Ni}^{18}\text{O}^+$, $64\text{Ni}^{16}\text{O}^1\text{H}^+$



KED or H₂



O₂ conversion into SeO

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80	49.70	$^{40}\text{Ar}^{40}\text{Ar}^+$, $^{80}\text{Kr}^+$	$^{64}\text{Ni}^{16}\text{O}^+$	$^{79}\text{Br}^1\text{H}^+$
82	9.20	$^{82}\text{Kr}^+$	$^{64}\text{Ni}^{18}\text{O}^+$, $^{64}\text{Ni}^{16}\text{O}^1\text{H}^+$	$^{81}\text{Br}^1\text{H}^+$



KED or H₂



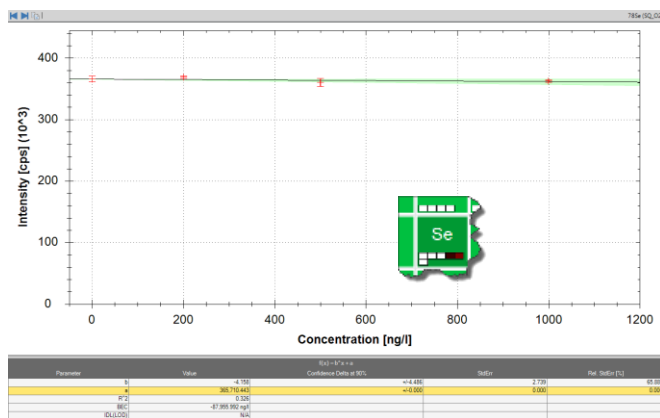
O₂ conversion into SeO



KED or H₂ don't help

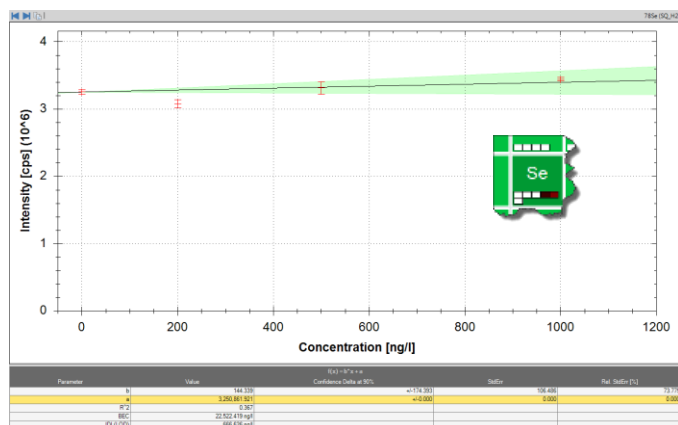
Interference removal using SQ-ICP-MS

Sample: Se in 100 ppm Ni



O₂

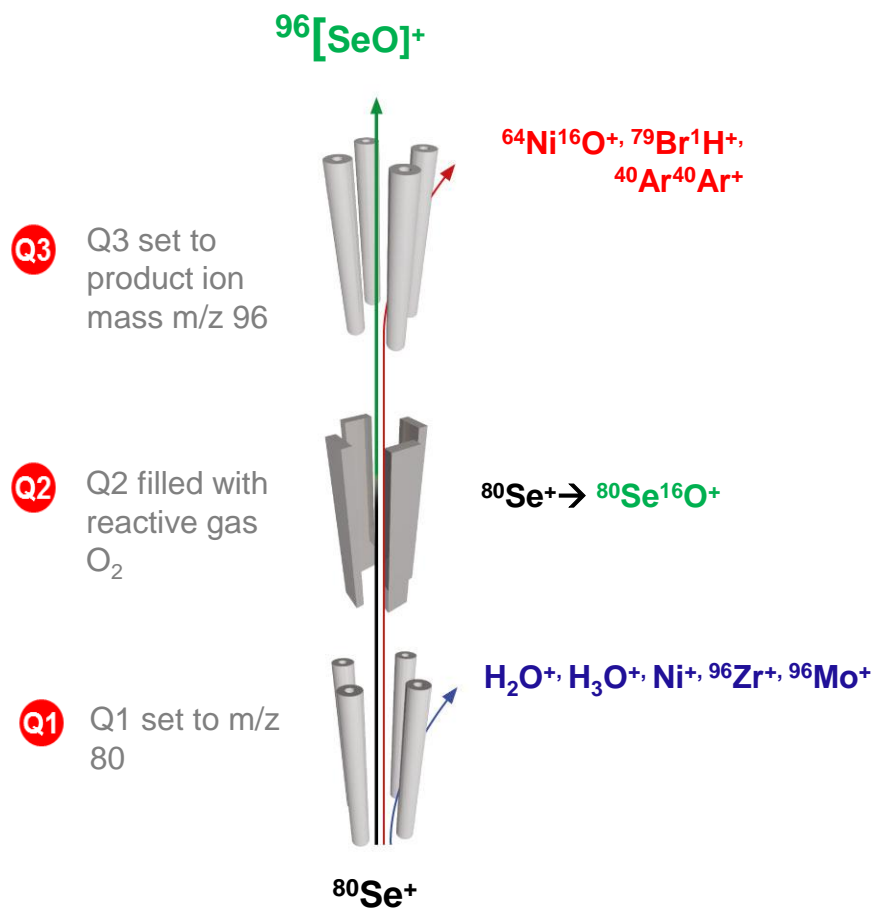
H₂



- Both reaction gases are not suitable to fully remove the interferences!
- As all primary ions enter the CRC, new interferences including water adducts are observed

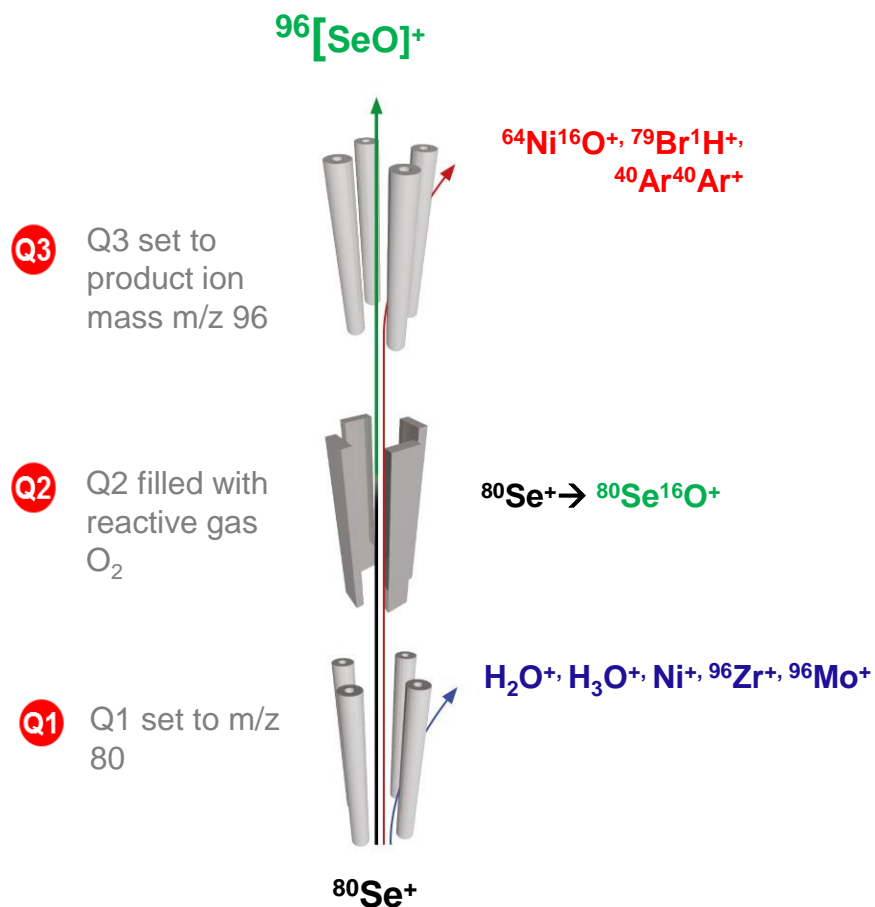
Ion Mass	Identifier	Interference
92	$^{76}\text{Se}^{16}\text{O}^+$	$^{58}\text{Ni}^{16}\text{O}(\text{H}_2\text{O})^+$
93	$^{77}\text{Se}^{16}\text{O}^+$	$^{58}\text{Ni}^{16}\text{O}(\text{H}_3\text{O})^+$
94	$^{78}\text{Se}^{16}\text{O}^+$	$^{60}\text{Ni}^{16}\text{O}(\text{H}_2\text{O})^+$, $^{58}\text{Ni}^{18}\text{O}(\text{H}_2\text{O})^+$
96	$^{80}\text{Se}^{16}\text{O}^+$	$^{62}\text{Ni}^{16}\text{O}(\text{H}_2\text{O})^+$, $^{60}\text{Ni}^{18}\text{O}(\text{H}_2\text{O})^+$
98	$^{82}\text{Se}^{16}\text{O}^+$	$^{64}\text{Ni}^{16}\text{O}(\text{H}_2\text{O})^+$, $^{62}\text{Ni}^{18}\text{O}(\text{H}_2\text{O})^+$

Interference removal using TQ-ICP-MS

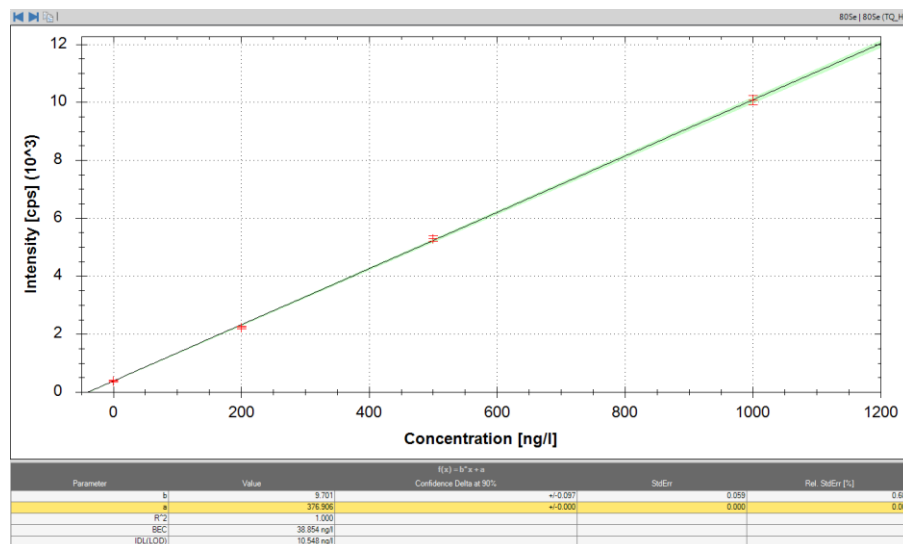


Only initial separation of lower mass ions enables effective and complete removal of all interferences on Se – using both H_2 and O_2 reactive gases

Interference removal using TQ-ICP-MS



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Mode/Isotope	Sensitivity [cps·L·μg ⁻¹]	BEC [ng·L ⁻¹]	IDL [ng·L ⁻¹]
TQ-H₂			
⁷⁸ Se	4,500	46.5	12.9
⁸⁰ Se	9,700	38.9	10.5
TQ-O₂			
⁷⁸ Se	1,000	47.8	18.8
⁸⁰ Se	2,200	13.2	5.10

Determination of Ti in biological samples using ICP-MS

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Ti

Titanium

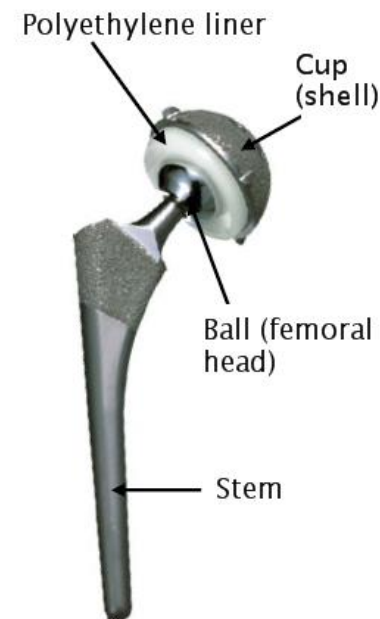
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Titanium based components used for orthopedic and dental implants.

Degradation of these implants releases Ti (and Co, Ni and Cr too) into the body

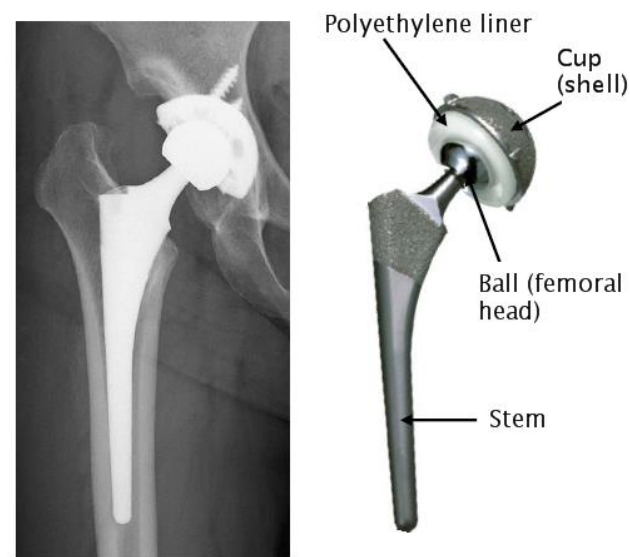
$^{48}\text{Ca}^+$, PO^+ , SO^+ , SOH^+ interference on Ti isotopes

HR-ICP-MS effective technique, but expensive



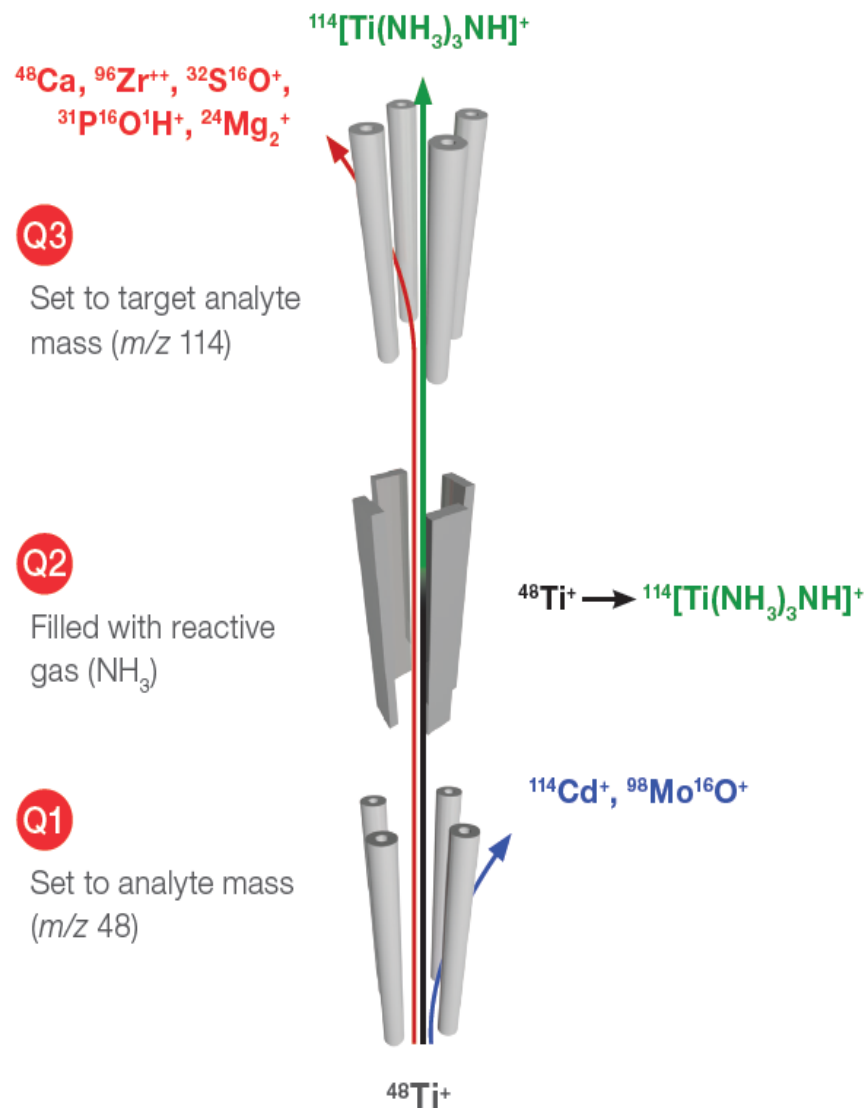
Determination of Ti in biological samples using ICP-MS

- Preliminary work started to measure titanium in hip samples, via serum samples
- Three modes compared:- He KED, SQ NH₃ and TQ NH₃
- Aim: To test if TQ mode gives low enough LOQ to enable determination of the normal Ti levels in patient samples
- Lowest LOQ only possible with Ti isotope at m/z 48 (abundance 73.8%), but serum high in Ca (⁴⁸Ca interference)
- Solution: Use ammonia as the reaction gas to isolate m/z 48 Ti from Ca



Reaction of Ti with NH₃: how it works

- **Q1** – set to transmit Ti, potential interferences on the product ion (e.g. ¹¹⁴Cd) and lower mass interference precursors (e.g. ³¹P, ¹⁶O) rejected.
- **Q2** – filled with NH₃. Ti collides and generates a range of adducts including ⁴⁸Ti(NH₃)₃NH⁺ at mass 114
- **Q3** – set to transmit mass 114, other masses rejected.



Comparison of different ICP-MS modes for Ti analysis

Sample matrix - 1:10 diluted serum plus 1ppm Cd, all data in $\mu\text{g/L}$

Sample i.d.	He KED mode, on mass at ^{48}Ti	Ti SQ NH_3 mode, at mass 114	Ti TQ NH_3 mode, at mass 114	Ti reported value, measured at ^{47}Ti using HR-ICP-MS
Serum L-1	167	1800	6.64	6.8
Serum L-1	262	1850	6.38	6.8

^{48}Ca interference plus residual PO^+ etc.

Contribution from ^{114}Cd

Only TQ NH_3 mode is capable of providing the correct Ti result

Standard mode (i.e. no cell gas) with SQ operation

He KED single quadrupole mode with cell pressurised with He and KED applied

TQ NH₃ / H₂ / O₂ triple quadrupole mode with CRC pressurised with reaction gas Q1 set to analyte mass and Q3 set to either analyte mass (on mass analysis) or product ion (mass shift analysis)

- Flexibility and usability of both single and triple quadrupole modes
 - Full multielemental analysis with dedicated TQ interference removal for difficult analytes and simple He KED mode for everything else **in one analytical run**

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