



# CONTRIBUTION OF ION MOBILITY FOR STRUCTURAL ANALYSIS AND ANALYTICAL CHEMISTRY: THE USE OF PROBE LIGANDS AND SELECTIVE IMS SHIFT REAGENTS

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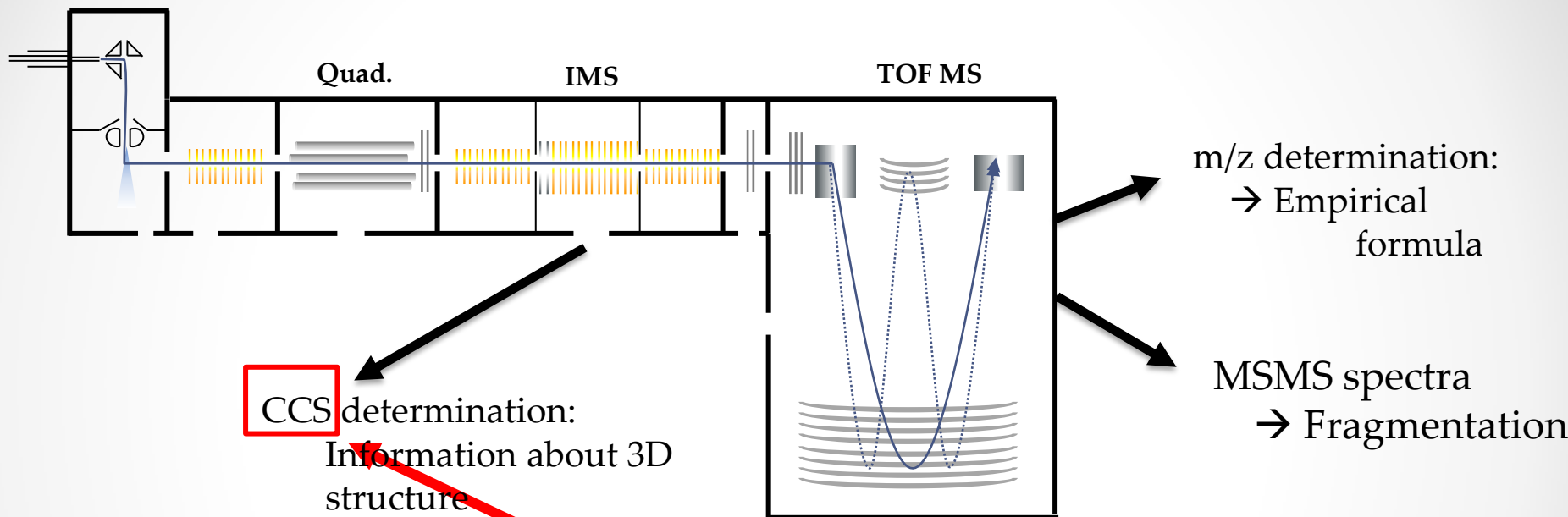
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# Structural elucidation

- **Structural elucidation by ion mobility mass spectrometry (IMMS):**



Comparison → Structure determination

- **Structural elucidation by computational chemistry**

Not optimized 3D structure



Structure 1

Structure 2

Structure 3

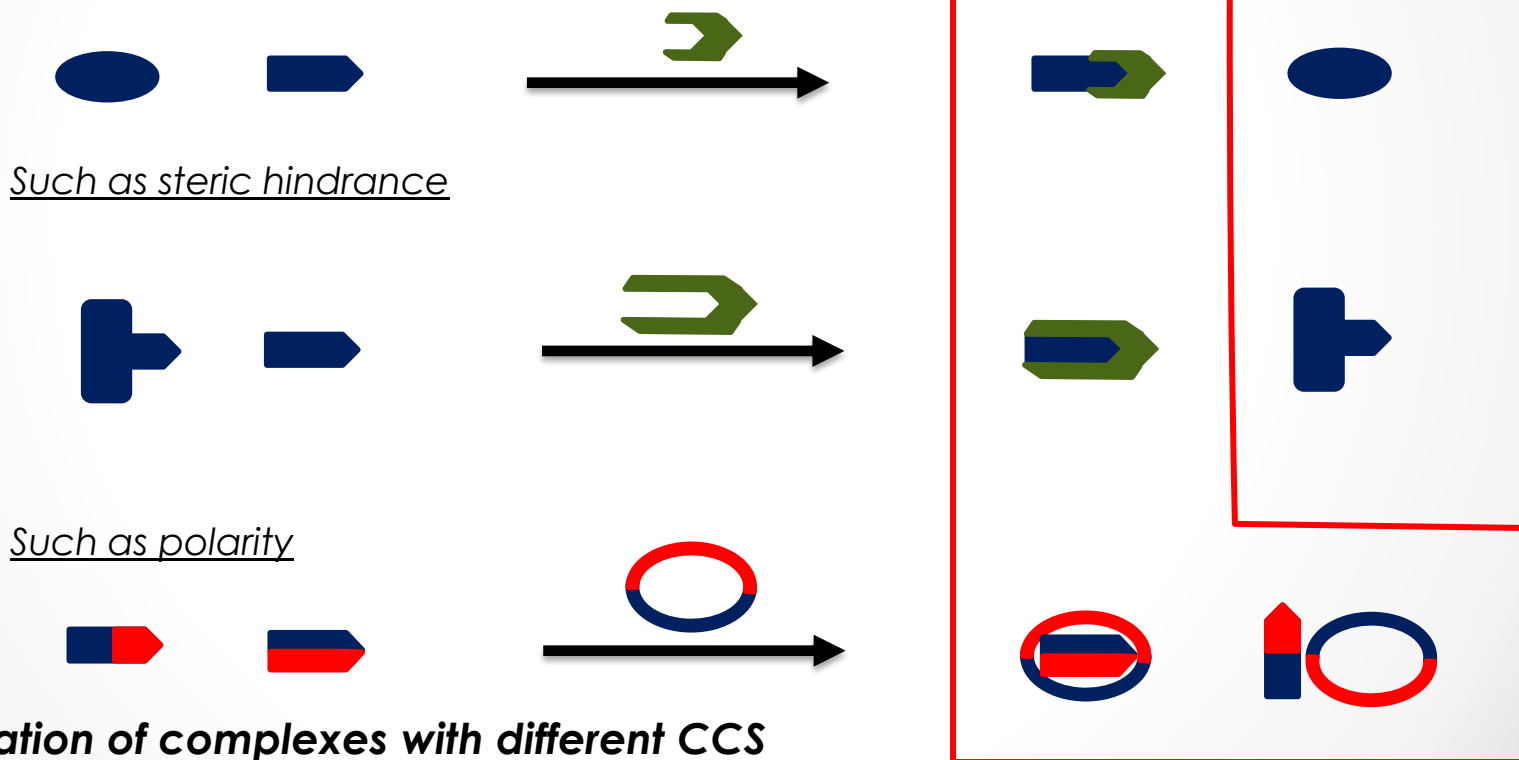
CCS 1

CCS 2

CCS 3

# Structural elucidation with probe ligands

- **Probe ligands** : *Molecules which interact with target ion to form specific complexes depending on their physicochemical properties*
- **Confirmation of physicochemical properties:**  
*Such as the presence of chemical moieties*



- **Formation of complexes with different CCS**  
→ Application as Selective Shift Reagent

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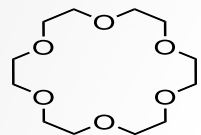
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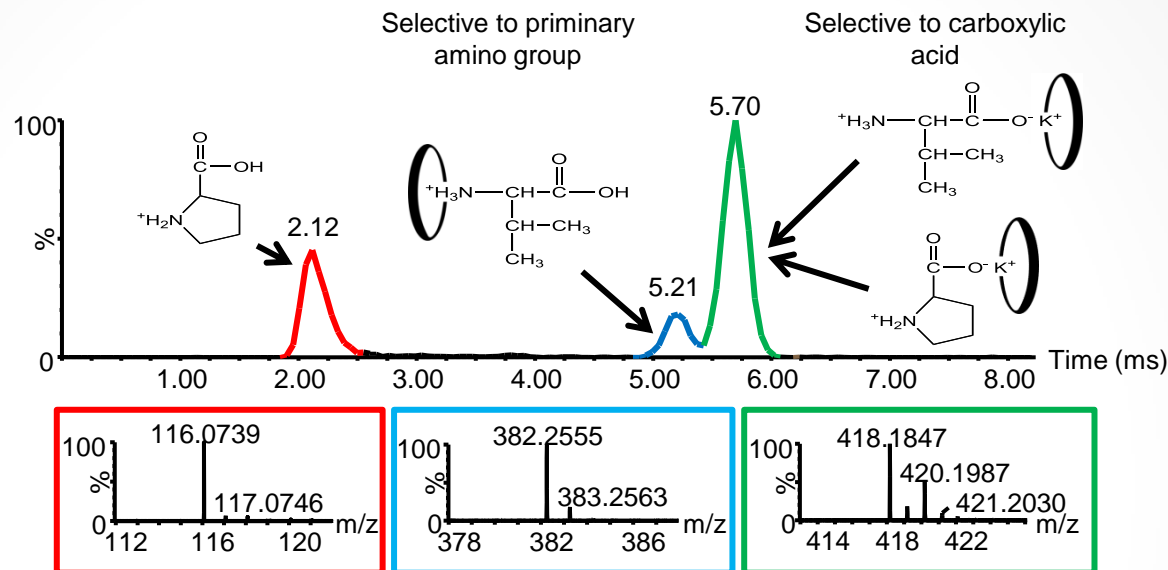
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# Specific coordination complex depending on the chemical functions: Proline Valine model

**Ligand used:**



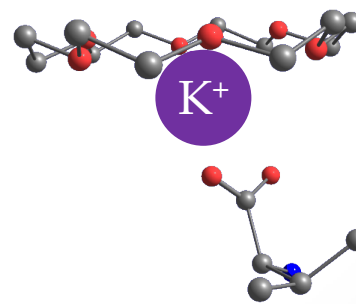
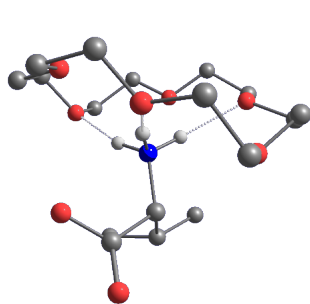
18-crown-6 ether  
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Controlled ligand Specificity:

Crown ether

Selective to primary amino group



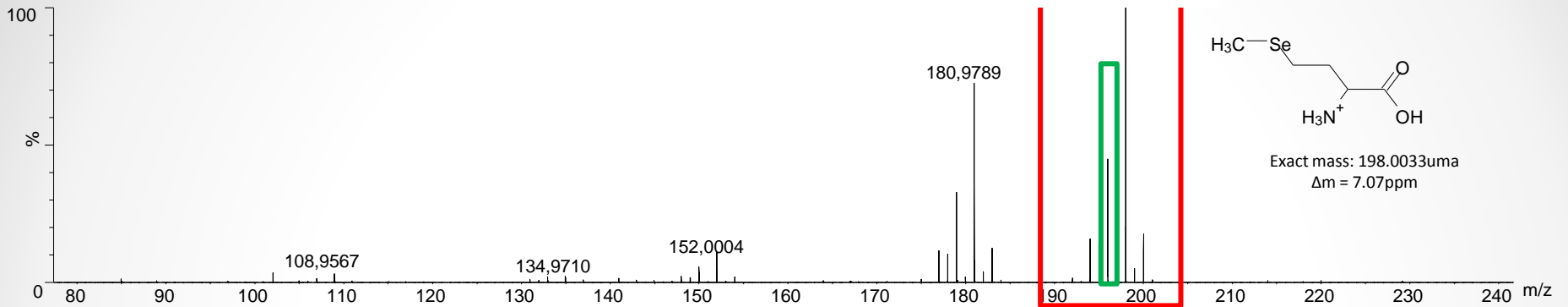
Crown ether + K<sup>+</sup>

Selective to carboxylate group

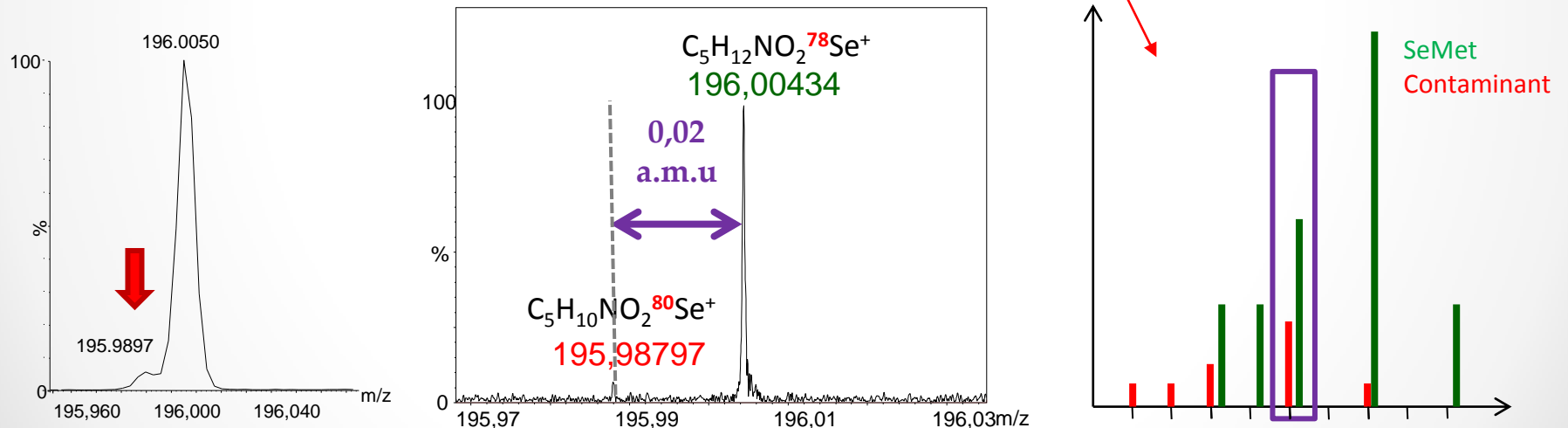
Important IMS shift provided by crown ether complexation  
→ Selective shift Reagent (SSR)

# Specific coordination complex depending on the chemical functions: Application as SSR

Mass spectrum of SeMet (5ppm) (Synapt G2 as "QTOF MS ")



Detection of isobaric compounds ...confirmed by high resolution mass spectrometry ...with Se isotopic pattern



Exact mass  $\rightarrow$  univoque empiric formula for  $m/z = 196$  ion

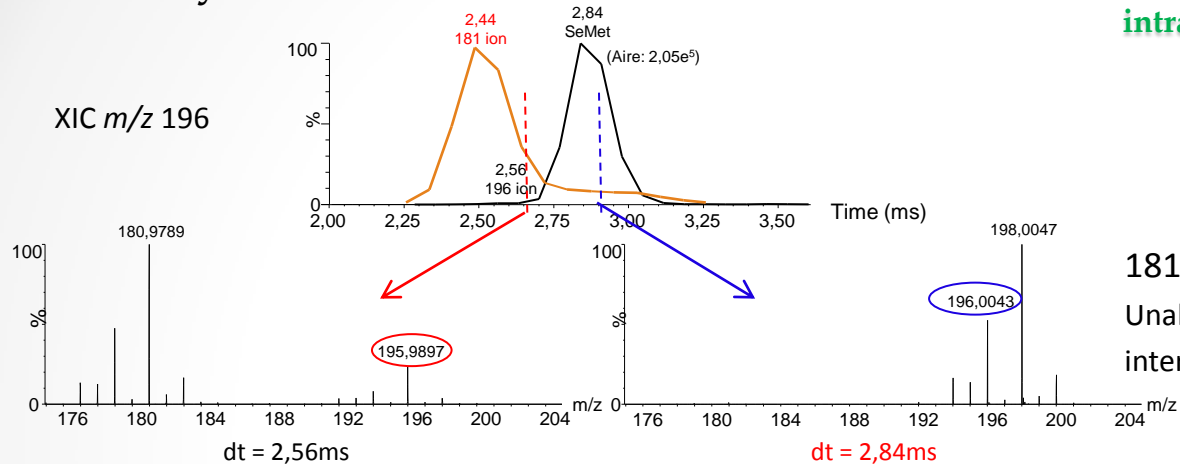
Higher Double Bound Equivalent (DBE) value  $\rightarrow$  **Double bound or ring formation ?**

- Overlapping on the Se isotopic pattern  $\rightarrow$  Orthogonal separation required



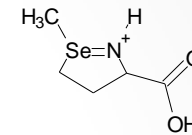
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## Separation by IMS-MS



## Separation by ion mobility spectrometry

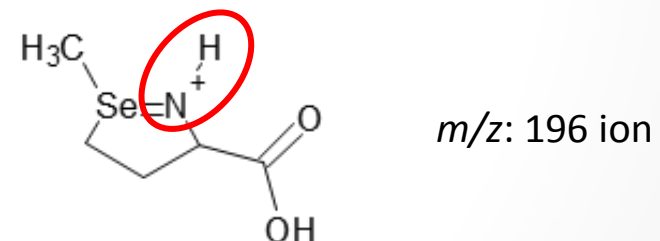
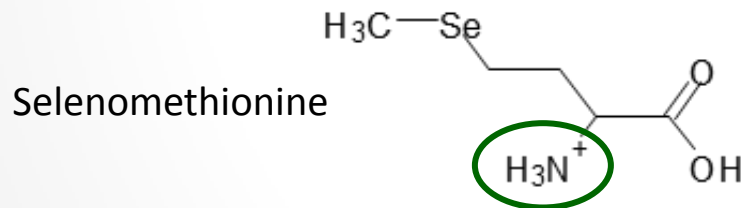
**intramolecular oxidation** hypothesis



181 ion fragment (ammonium loss)

Unable to obtain **MS<sup>2</sup> spectra of 196 ion** without interference from SeMet or in-source fragment

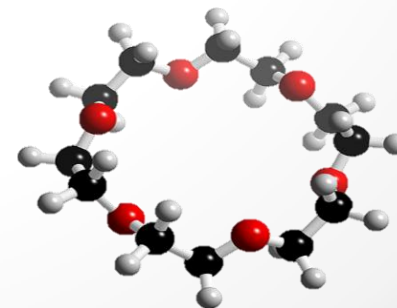
Use the difference in chemical group → Probe ligands



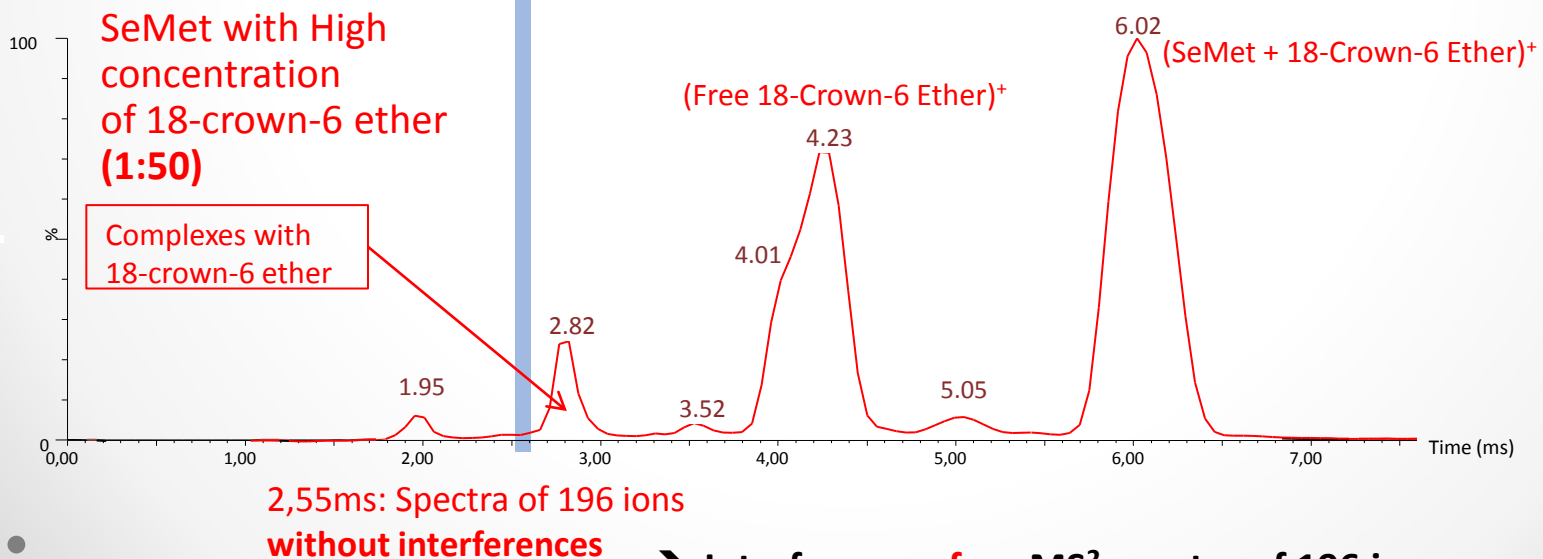
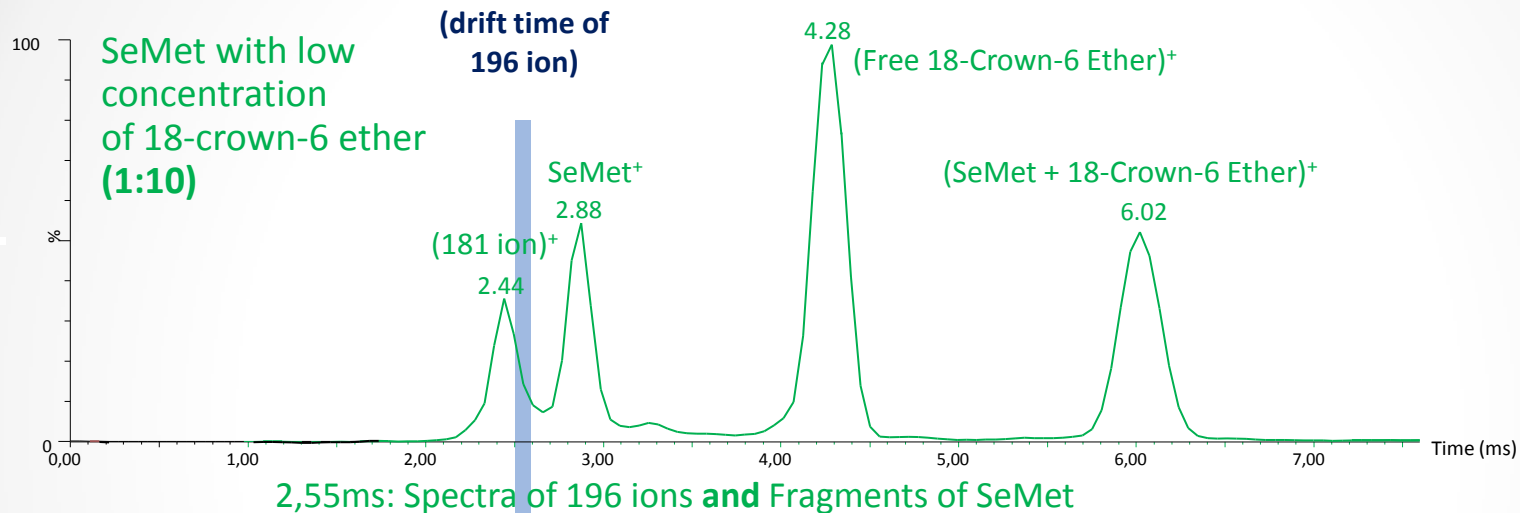
18-Crown-6 Ether → Selective to primary amino group

- Support the expected structure of 196 ion
- Remove the interferences from SeMet

→ Free interferences MS<sup>2</sup> spectra of 196 ion

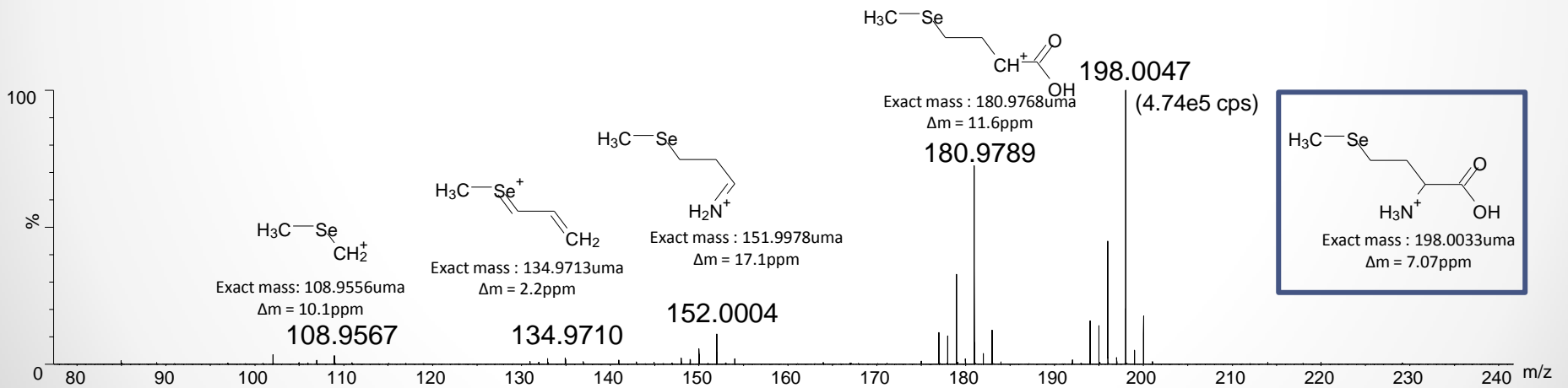
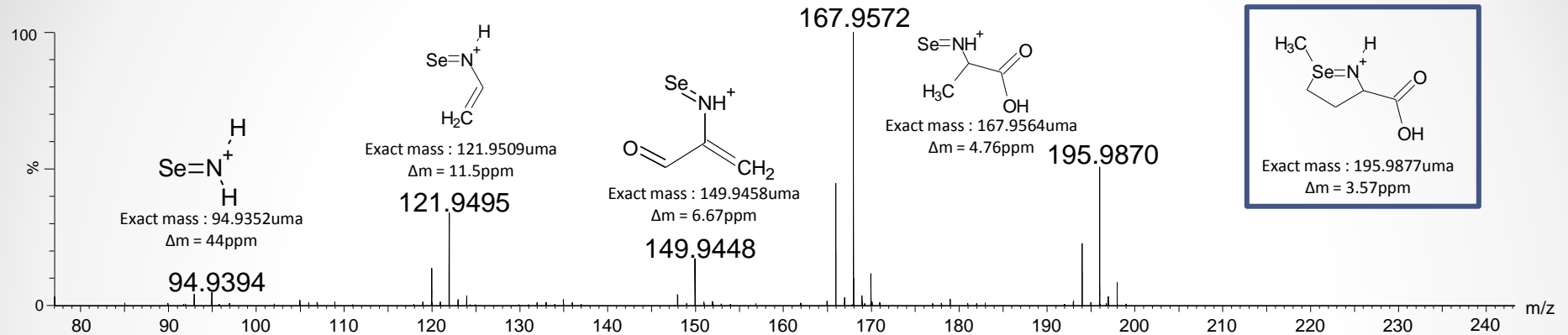


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→ Interferences free MS<sup>2</sup> spectra of 196 ion

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- Fragments of 196 ions:

- Confirme the structure of 196 ion → Formation of 5-membered ring compounds
- Differ from those of SeMet

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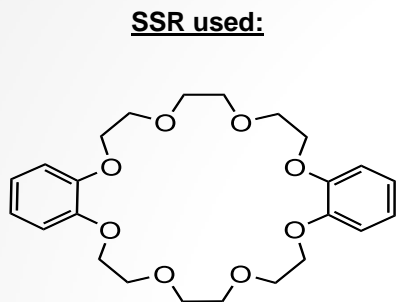
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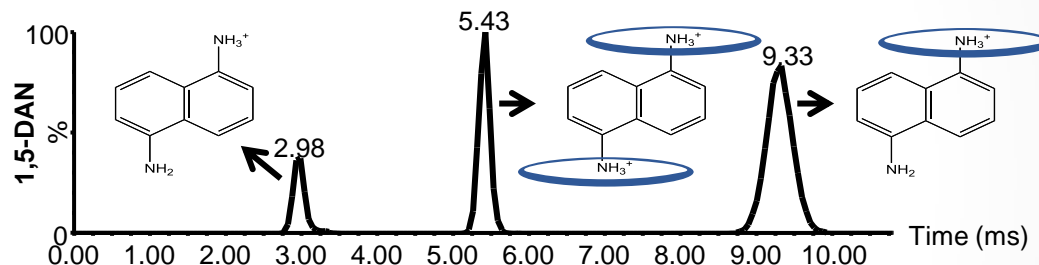
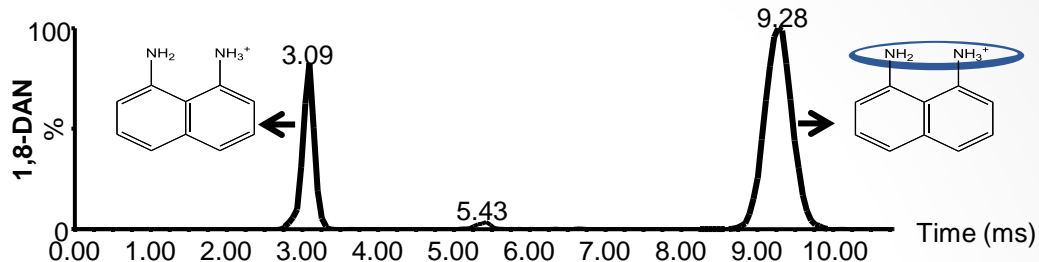
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# Specific coordination complex depending on the steric hindrance: Diaminonaphthalen isomers / Crown Ethers model

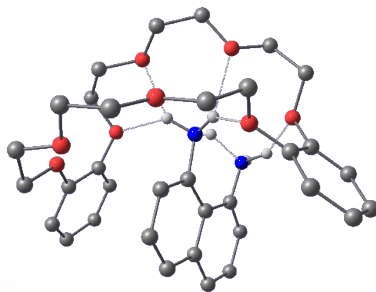


Dibenzo 24-crown-8 ether

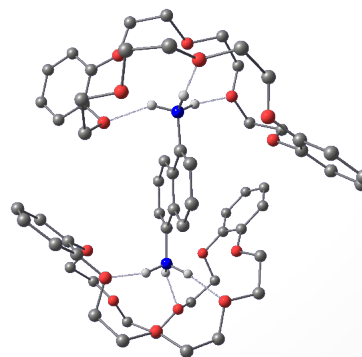


## Controlled Stoichiometry:

Only one primary amino group available



2 primary amino groups available



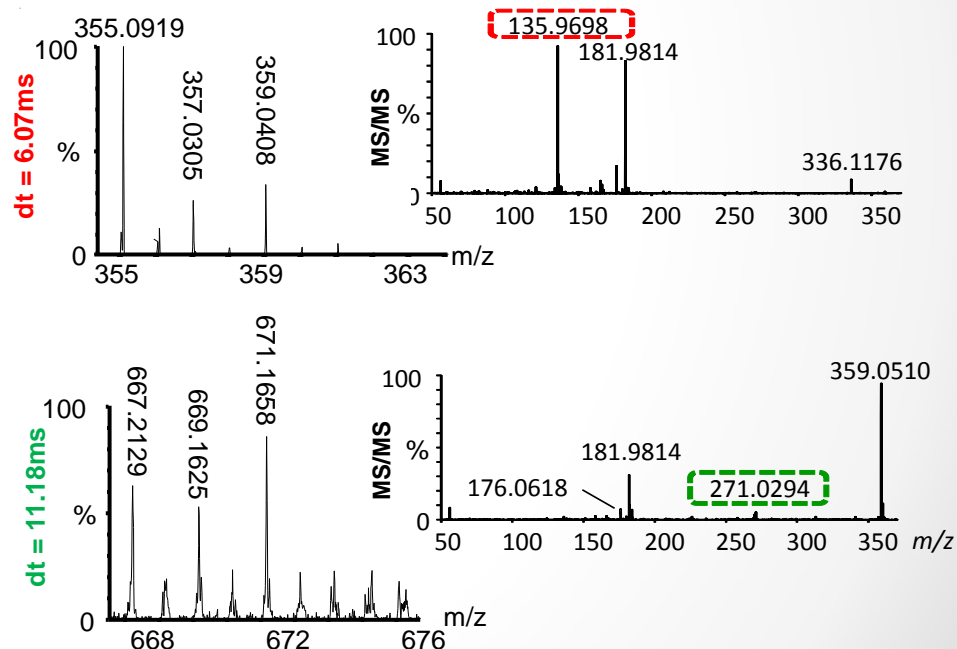
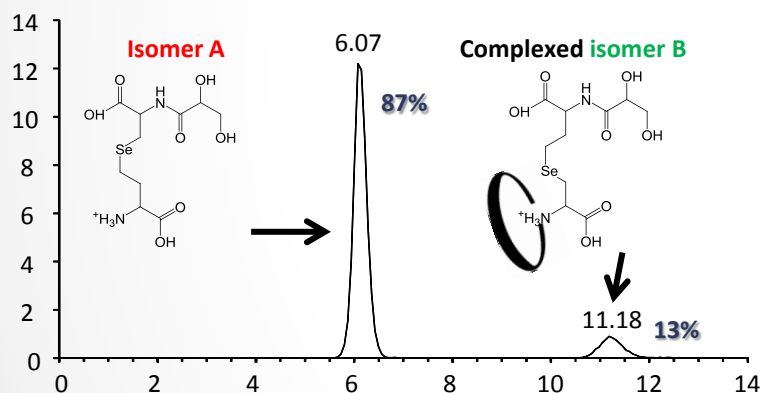
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# Specific coordination complex:

Travelling wave ion mobility did not successfully separate the native isomers of 2,3-DHP-selenocystathionine

The use of a nitrobenzo 15-crown-5 ether as SSR allowed to perform the separation and quantification of the isomer ratio (87% - 13% ).

Far and coworkers, Anal. Chem (2014) Vol.86, Issue 22, : 11246-11254



Good agreement with theoretical values obtained by computational chemistry and isomer ratio determined from raw data by Dernovics and coworkers

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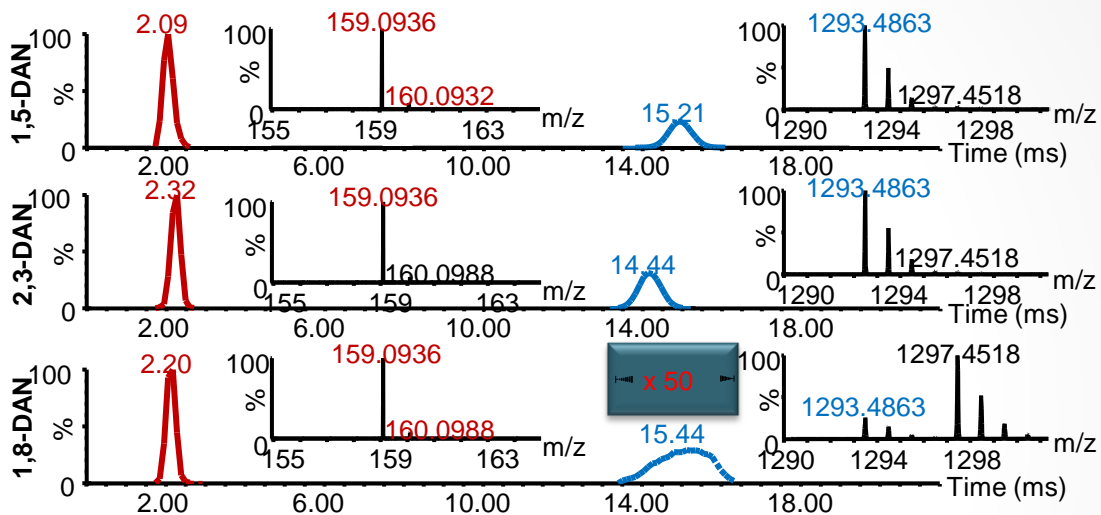
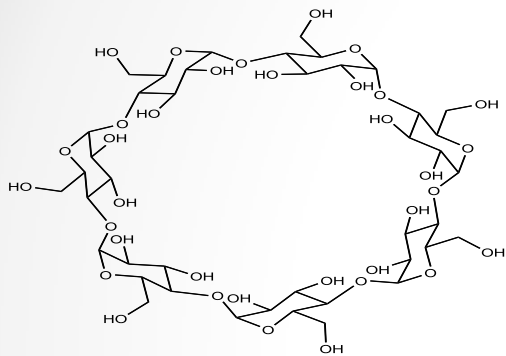
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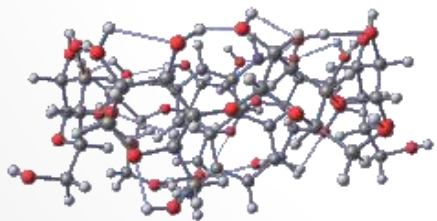
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# Specific coordination complex depending on the polarity: DAN-Cyclodextrin model

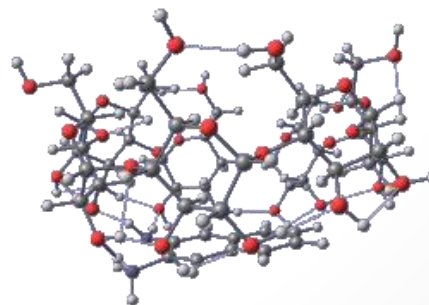


Controlled folding:

1,5-DAN:  
Inclusion



2,3-DAN:  
Exclusion



Application as Selective Shift Reagent (SSR)



# Conclusion and perspectives

- Confirmation of hypothetical structure
  - Probe physicochemical properties
    - As chemical functions, steric hindrance, polarity, pi stacking
- Use as Selective Shift Reagent
  - Allow a control of the arrival time distribution of ion
    - Separation of isomers
    - Obtention of interference free MS<sup>2</sup> spectra
- Perspectives:
  - Use ligands to probe the three dimensional structural of larger (bio)molecules
    - As peptide, protein, DNA

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