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## Clinical applications using triple quadrupole ICP-MS

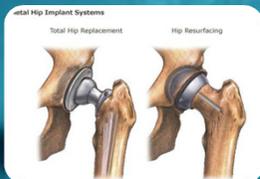
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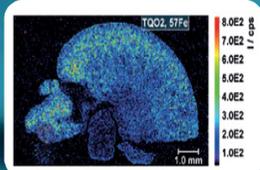
# Overview



Routine clinical measurements



Metal on metal hip replacements



Bio imaging



Summary

# Testing for clinical applications

- Elemental analysis
  - Blood
  - Serum
  - Urine
  - Fluids
  - Tissue



# Nutritional elements

- Nutritional status
- Cu, Zn, Se
- Mg, Mn
- Total parental nutrition
- Assessment after GI surgery



# Thermo Scientific iCAP RQ/TQ ICP-MS

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iCAP RQ ICP-MS



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iCAP TQ ICP-MS



Same Analyzer  
Quadrupole

Same QCell  
Collision/Reaction  
Cell

Additional Q1 Mass  
Filter

Additional Gases  
and Enhanced  
software

# Applications in Clinical Science

- Toxicology
  - High/acute Hg, Cd, Tl, Po
  - Medium/chronic As (speciation), Pb
  - Specific toxins Al (renal dialysis patients)
- Metal on Metal hip replacement patients
  - Co and Cr mainly also Ti, Mo, Ni for research
  - Indicative of poorly performing joints that may need replacement



# Metal on metal hip replacements

Total Hip Replacement



Hip Resurfacing



# Regulation

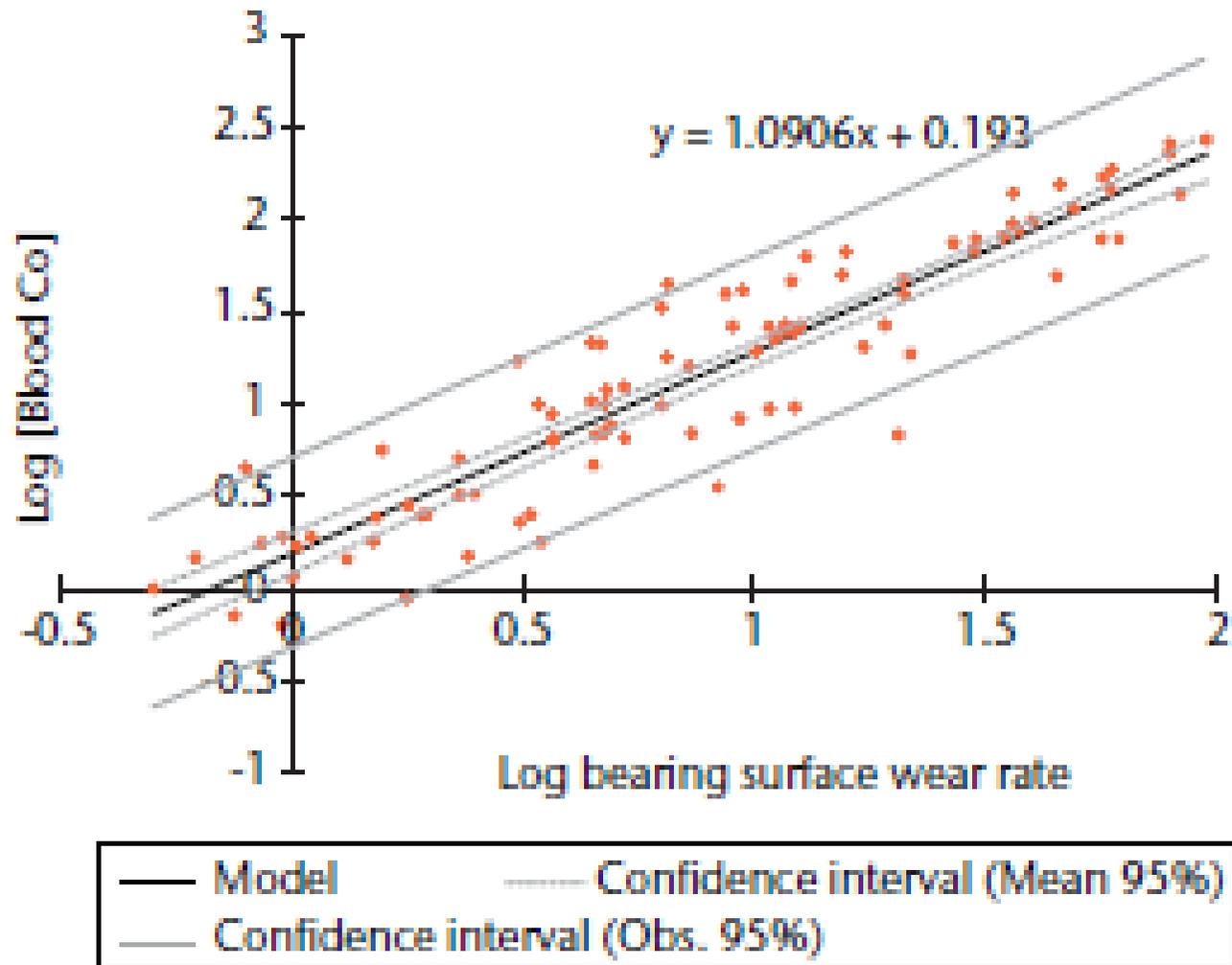
- April 2010 MHRA issued an advisory notice regarding MoM hip replacements:
- “put in place systems for the follow up of patients receiving MoM hip replacements where appropriate blood metal ion measurements and sectional imaging”.
- If either Co or Cr levels are elevated above 7 ppb then further testing should be performed.

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# Cobalt as a biomarker of wear



## Methods for Ti analysis

- GF-AAS - titanium carbide formation is problematic
- Single quadrupole ICP-MS - the most abundant Ti isotope (73.80%) at  $m/z$  48 suffers from Ca isobaric interference
- HR-ICP-MS - expensive hardware
- ICP-OES - offers a cost effective alternative, challenges to get required LOD
- Triple quadrupole ICP-MS can be used with  $\text{NH}_3$  to form the cluster ion  $\text{Ti}(\text{NH}_3)_3\text{NH}^+$

## iCAP TQ

- Titanium in hip replacement samples
  - Lower LOQ possible using m/z 48
  - Use Ammonia as reaction gas



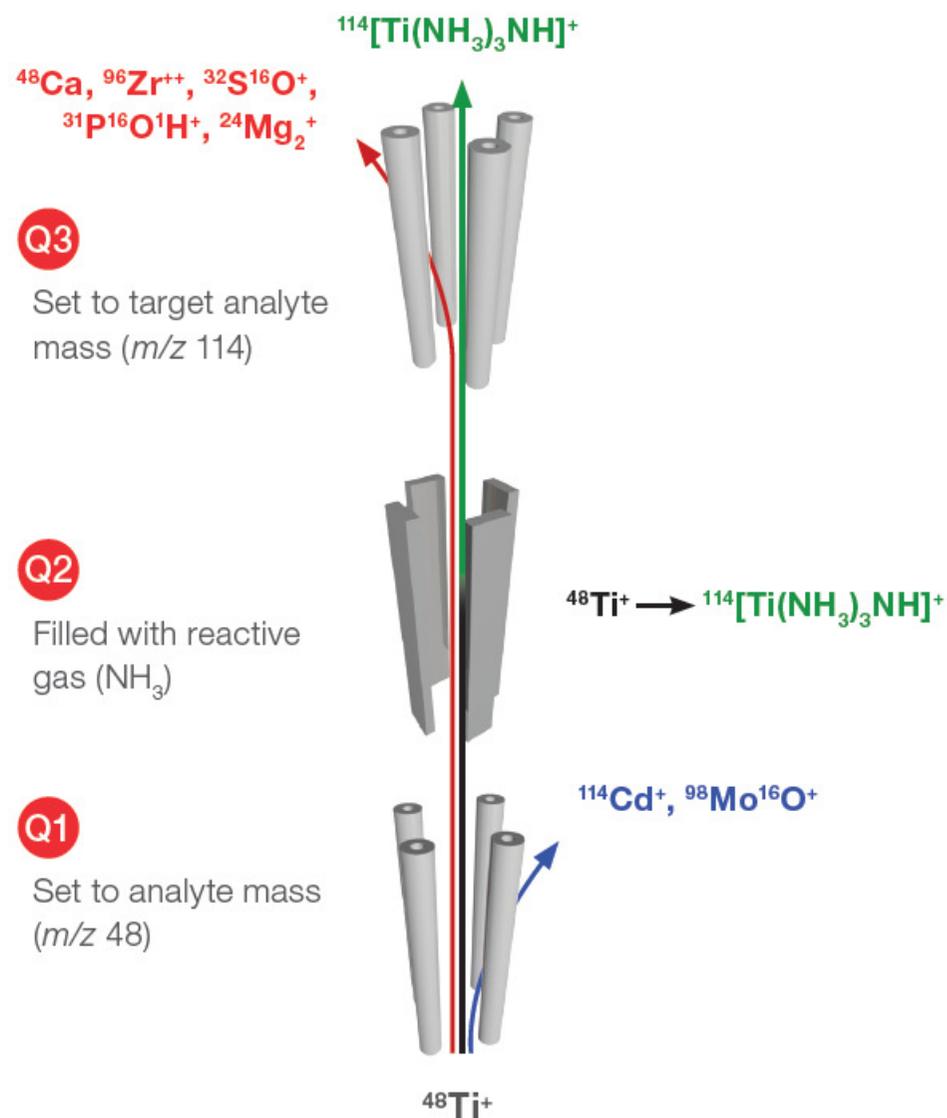
# iCAP TQ measurement

Ti with NH<sub>3</sub> reaction gas:

Q1 – set to transmit Ti, potential interferences on the product ion (e.g. <sup>114</sup>Cd) and lower mass interference precursors (e.g. <sup>31</sup>P, <sup>16</sup>O) rejected.

Q2 – filled with NH<sub>3</sub>. Ti collides and generates a range of adducts including <sup>48</sup>Ti(NH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>NH<sup>+</sup> at mass 114

Q3 – set to transmit mass 114, other masses rejected.



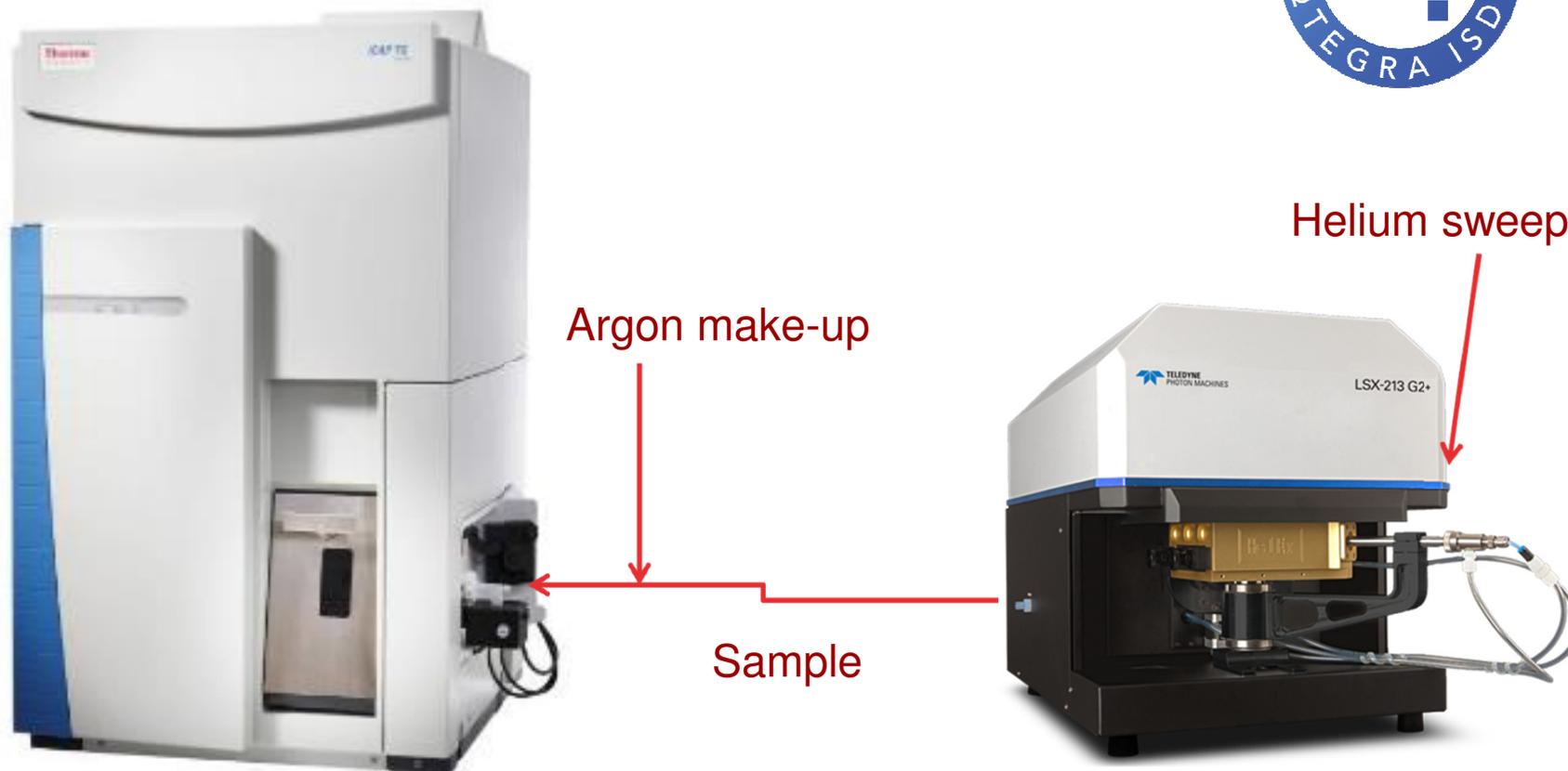
# Multi-element analysis serum with iCAP TQ

	Measurement mode	Analyte/Product Ion mass	Internal standard
Na	SQ-KED	23	<sup>74</sup> Ge
Mg	SQ-KED	24	<sup>74</sup> Ge
P	SQ-KED	31	<sup>74</sup> Ge
S	SQ-KED	34	<sup>74</sup> Ge
K	SQ-KED	39	<sup>74</sup> Ge
Ca	SQ-KED	44	<sup>74</sup> Ge
Fe	SQ-KED	56	<sup>74</sup> Ge
Li	SQ-KED	7	<sup>74</sup> Ge
B	SQ-KED	11	<sup>74</sup> Ge
Al	SQ-KED	27	<sup>74</sup> Ge
V	SQ-KED	51	<sup>74</sup> Ge
Cr	SQ-KED	52	<sup>74</sup> Ge
Mn	SQ-KED	55	<sup>74</sup> Ge
Co	SQ-KED	59	<sup>74</sup> Ge
Ni	SQ-KED	60	<sup>103</sup> Rh
Zn	SQ-KED	66	<sup>74</sup> Ge
As	SQ-KED	75	<sup>103</sup> Rh
Se	SQ-KED	78	<sup>74</sup> Ge
Rb	SQ-KED	85	<sup>103</sup> Rh
Sr	SQ-KED	88	<sup>103</sup> Rh

Cd	SQ-KED	111	<sup>103</sup> Rh
Ti	TQ-NH <sub>3</sub>	114	<sup>74</sup> Ge <sup>14</sup> N <sup>1</sup> H <sub>2</sub>
Sb	SQ-KED	121	<sup>125</sup> Te
Ba	SQ-KED	138	<sup>103</sup> Rh
Pb	SQ-KED	208	<sup>208</sup> Bi
U	SQ-KED	238	<sup>208</sup> Bi

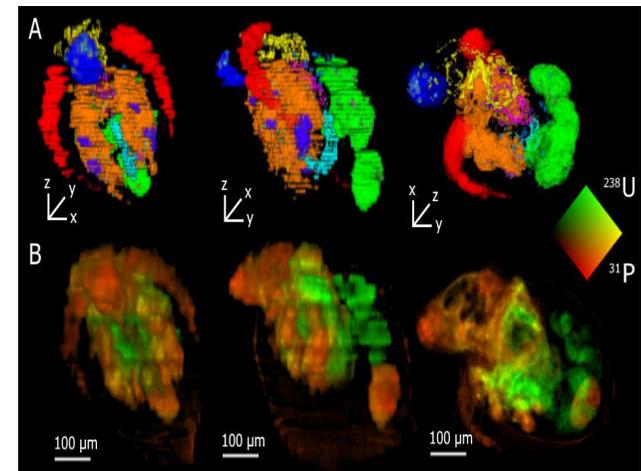
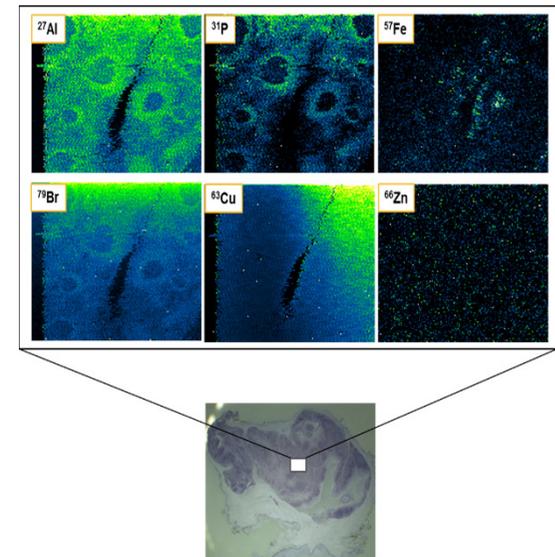
	LOD	MDL	Serum L-1		Serum L-2		Urine
			Measured	Reference or reported value	Measured	Reference or reported value	Measured
Na*	0.0027	0.027	2743	2330-3504	3255	2820-4241	2977
Mg*	0.0001	0.0010	21.0	13.4-20.1	39.7	27.1-40.7	85.8
P*	0.0008	0.08	52.3	43.3-65.1	120	88-132	710
S*	0.145	1.3800	1100	1008	1495	1335	476
K*	0.0021	0.02	150	101-153	260	176-265	1946
Ca*	0.002	0.0200	90.1	69-104	124	95-143	99.8
Fe*	0.00002	0.00023	1.64	1.17-1.77	2.18	1.72-2.58	0.005
Li	1.13	11.2920	5778	4202-6320	10806	7739-11639	22.4
B	0.67	6.746	70.1	79.4	87	82.1	1548
Al	0.20	1.9670	54.2	25.2-75.7	122	96-144	13.7
V	0.002	0.022	1.04	1.10	1.26	1.10	0.229
Cr	0.008	0.0800	1.70	1.30-3.05	5.20	4.00-7.50	0.838
Mn	0.008	0.084	10.7	7.9-11.9	14.2	11.6-17.4	0.914
Co	0.0001	0.0010	1.38	0.67-1.57	2.16	2.13-3.97	0.027
Ni	0.006	0.055	6.26	3.38-7.9	9.41	7.9-11.9	1.45
Zn	0.051	0.5130	1052	844-1269	1527	1404-1831	359
As	0.002	0.018	0.383	0.400	0.374	0.380	1.31
Se	0.010	0.1000	80.8	51-120	124	95-176	7.31
Rb	0.004	0.035	4.20	4.40	8.70	8.70	812
Sr	0.006	0.0570	95.7	95.0	106	110	89.2
Mo	0.005	0.048	0.710	0.760	1.20	1.21	7.62
Cd	0.001	0.0100	0.130	0.130	0.140	0.140	0.229
Ti	0.002	0.02	6.64	6.80	6.38	6.80	0.151
Sb	0.006	0.0600	11.6	10.4	16.1	15.0	0.040
Pb	0.022	0.219	75.5	71.8	69.9	60.9	82.8
U	0.003	0.0300	172	190	133	139	2.09
Pb	0.0007	0.007	0.370	0.400	0.666	0.660	0.446
U	0.0001	0.0010	0.288	0.302	0.357	0.359	0.020

# Bio imaging with LA-ICP-MS



# Bio-Imaging with Laser Ablation ICP-MS

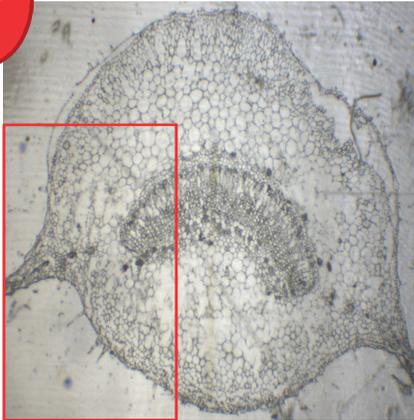
- An increasing number of studies in the field of Life Sciences employ different imaging techniques
- Trace elements are involved in many biological functions, for example:
  - Cu, Fe, Zn are all enzyme cofactors, and accumulation/deficiency are currently being investigated for links to neurological disease
  - P is present in DNA, and phosphorylated proteins and peptides are 'activated' states in biological functions
  - S is present in thiol groups, e.g. cysteine
  - Na and K are present in Na/K channels, which regulate cellular transport functions
  - Ca and Mg are used in signal transduction, esp. in nerve cells.
  - Se deficiency is being investigated for links with neurological disorders



# Bio-Imaging Technique: Balance between spatial resolution and speed

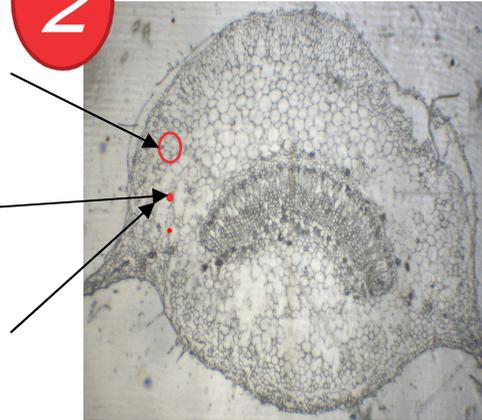
- Highest resolution can be achieved by mapping point-by-point, which leads very long analysis times. The best balance between speed and resolution is so-called 'line-mapping':

**1** Choose an area to image

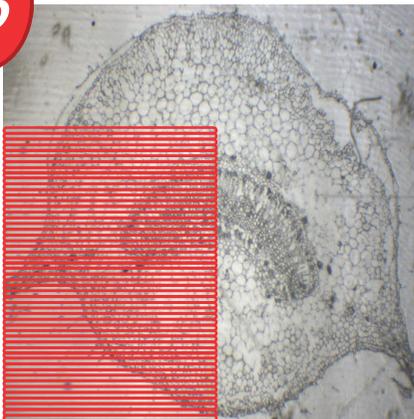


**2** Choose an appropriate spot size

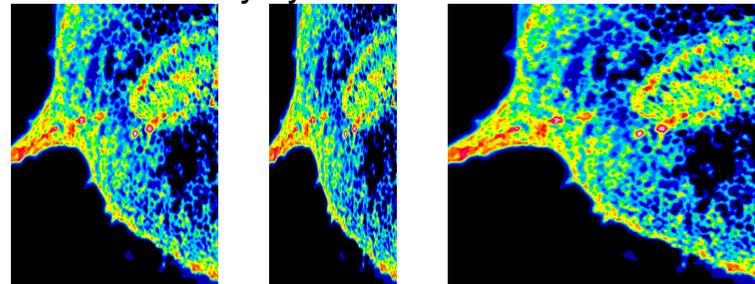
Large Spots = low spatial resolution  
Balance between resolution and sensitivity  
Very Small Spots = low signal



**3** Draw lines with the chosen spot size ( $x \mu\text{m}$ )



**4** Acquire data at a constant line scan rate ( $s \mu\text{m s}^{-1}$ ) according to the ICP-MS duty cycle time



Convert data and image to 2D or 3D plot

# Typical interferences in LA-ICP-MS based bio-imaging

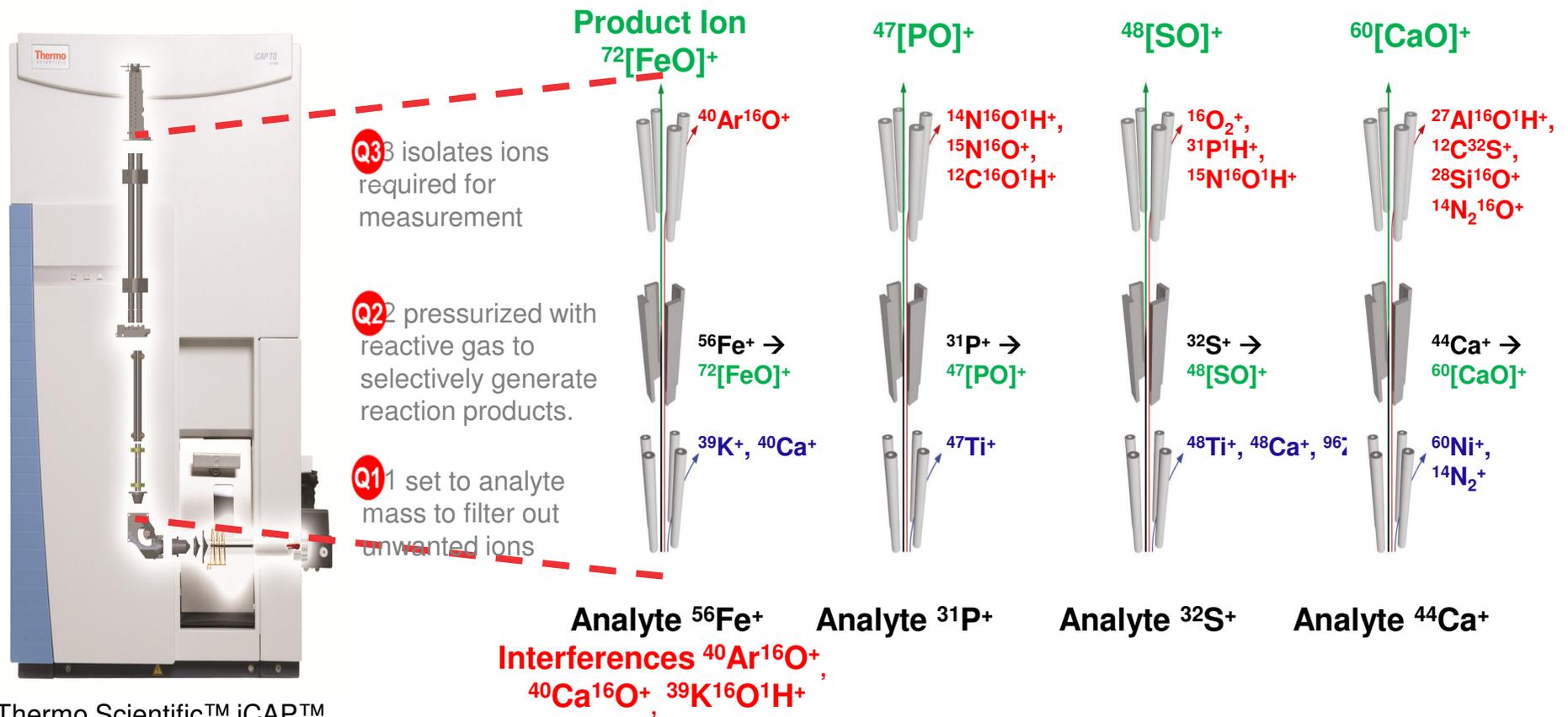
Isotope	Abundance [%]	Possible interferences
31P	100	$^{16}\text{O}^1\text{H}^{14}\text{N}^+$ , $^{16}\text{O}^{15}\text{N}^+$ , $^{12}\text{C}^{16}\text{O}^1\text{H}^+$ , $^{63}\text{Cu}^{++}$
32S	95.0	$^{16}\text{O}_2^+$ , $^{31}\text{P}^1\text{H}^+$ , $^{12}\text{C}^{20}\text{Ne}^+$ , $^{16}\text{O}^1\text{H}^{15}\text{N}^+$
34S	4.3	$^{16}\text{O}^{18}\text{O}^+$
40Ca	96.9	$^{40}\text{Ar}^+$ , $^{39}\text{K}^1\text{H}^+$
44Ca	2.1	$^{16}\text{O}^1\text{H}^{27}\text{Al}^+$ , $^{40}\text{Ar}^4\text{He}^+$ , $^{12}\text{C}^{32}\text{S}^+$ , $^{16}\text{O}^{28}\text{Si}^+$
56Fe	91.8	$^{40}\text{Ar}^{16}\text{O}^+$ , $^1\text{H}^{55}\text{Mn}^+$ , $^{16}\text{O}^{40}\text{Ca}^+$ , $^{16}\text{O}^1\text{H}^{39}\text{K}^+$
57Fe	2.1	$^{16}\text{O}^1\text{H}^{40}\text{Ar}^+$ , $^{16}\text{O}^1\text{H}^{40}\text{Ca}^+$ , $^{16}\text{O}^{41}\text{K}^+$
63Cu	69.2	$^{40}\text{Ar}^{23}\text{Na}^+$ , $^{31}\text{P}^{16}\text{O}_2^+$ , $^{47}\text{Ti}^{16}\text{O}^+$ , $^{23}\text{Na}^{40}\text{Ca}^+$ , $^{46}\text{Ca}^{16}\text{O}^1\text{H}^+$
66Zn	27.9	$^{32}\text{S}^{17}\text{O}_2^+$ , $^{33}\text{S}^{16}\text{O}^{17}\text{O}^+$ , $^{32}\text{S}^{34}\text{S}^+$ , $^{33}\text{S}_2^+$
78Se	23.8	$^{40}\text{Ar}^{38}\text{Ar}^+$ , $^{38}\text{Ar}^{40}\text{Ca}^+$
80Se	49.6	$^{40}\text{Ar}_2^+$ , $^{40}\text{Ar}^{40}\text{Ca}^+$ , $^{16}\text{O}^1\text{H}^{63}\text{Cu}^+$

- Isobaric and polyatomic interferences caused by complex bio matrices leading to false positive results

- P and S difficult to access due to presence of interferences from background (gas) species

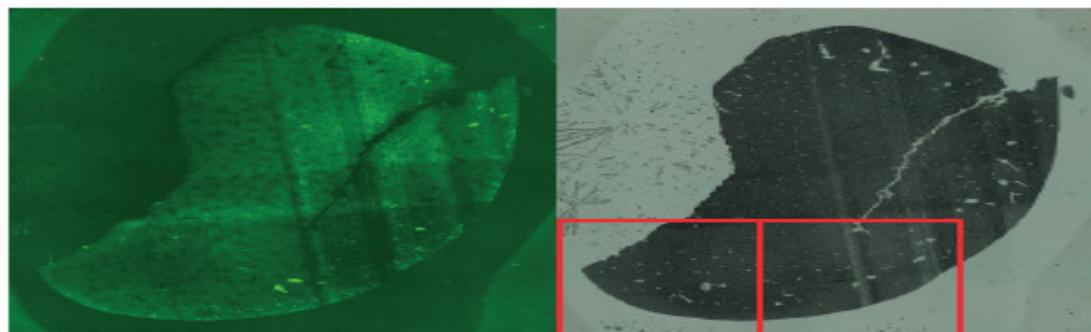
- Ca and Fe is complicated by both background gas interferences and by the sample

# Bio-imaging using the iCAP TQ ICP-MS



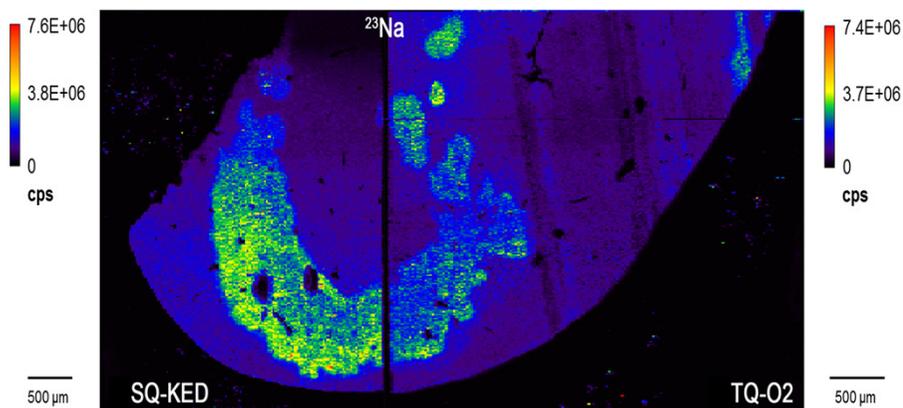
Thermo Scientific™ iCAP™ TQ ICP-MS

# SQ-KED vs TQ-O<sub>2</sub> analysis of liver thin sections



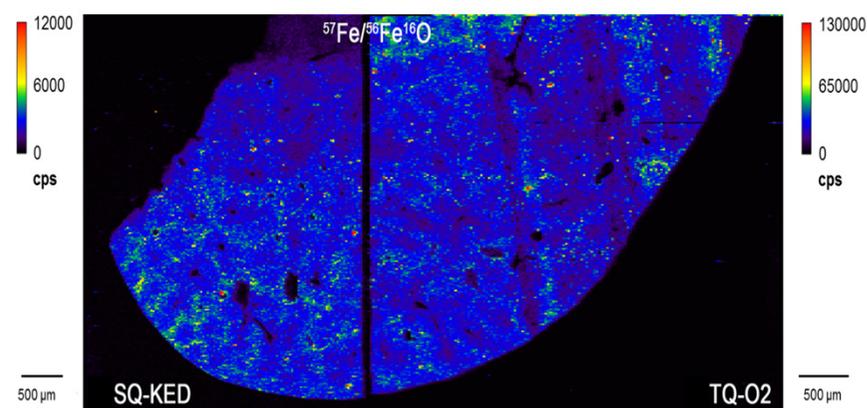
## SQ-KED vs TQ-O<sub>2</sub>: <sup>23</sup>Na

Na distribution is clearly visible in both modes. TQ-O<sub>2</sub> is a good compromise when several elements have to be analyzed at the same time, even if not all of them benefit from the interference correction.

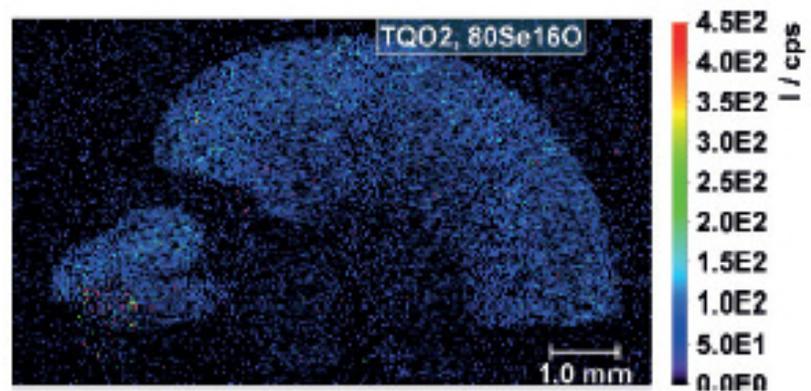
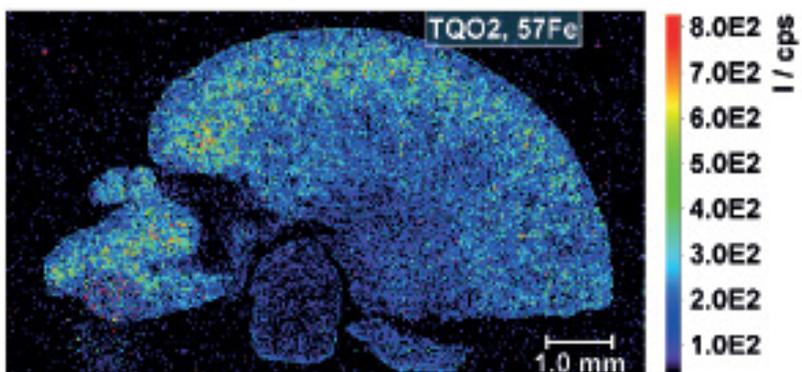
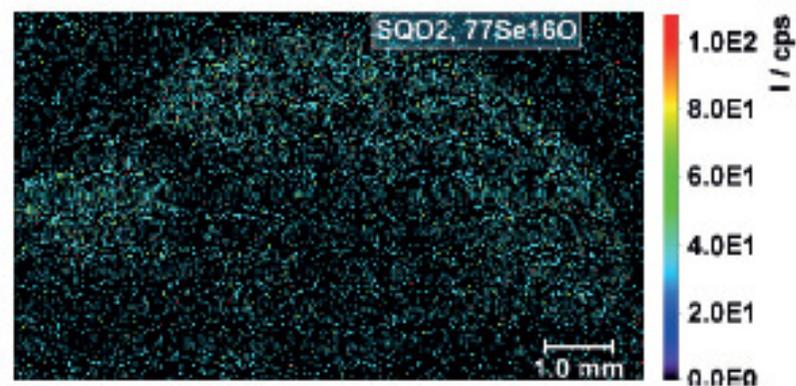
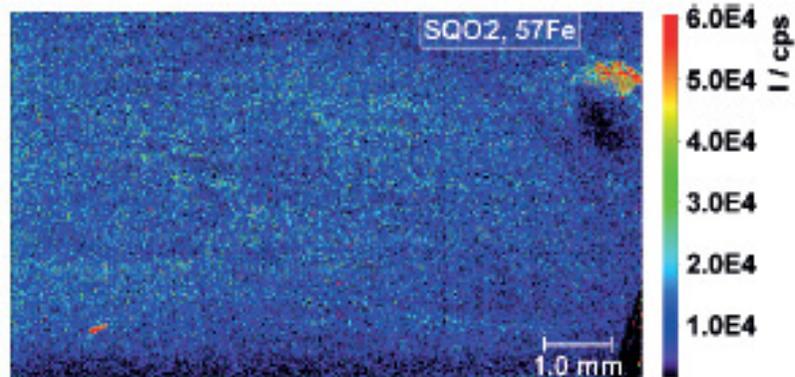
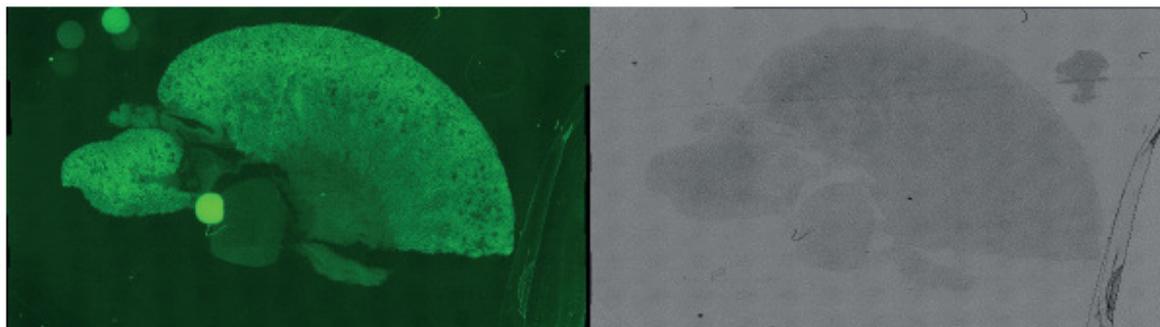


## SQ-KED vs TQ-O<sub>2</sub>: <sup>56</sup>Fe vs <sup>56</sup>Fe<sup>16</sup>O

Fe distribution is shown similarly in SQ-KED and TQ-O<sub>2</sub> mode;



# LA-ICP-MS kidney thin sections



# Summary

- Triple quadrupole ICP-MS can be used effectively for clinical measurements
- iCAP TQ measurements for routine clinical measurements compares well to routine single quadrupole measurements
- Triple quadrupole ICP-MS shown to provide excellent performance for the determination of trace element analysis in biological research samples
  - TQ-ICP-MS provides accurate results for Ti in serum samples
- TQ-ICP-MS can be effectively used for imaging of biological samples when coupled with a laser ablation system



# Questions

