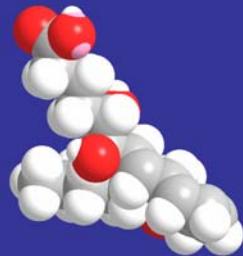


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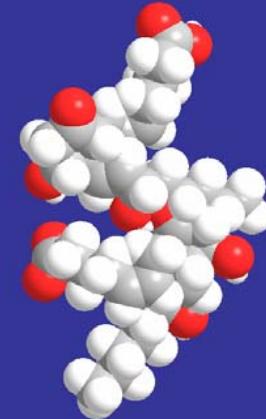
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## Eicosanoids

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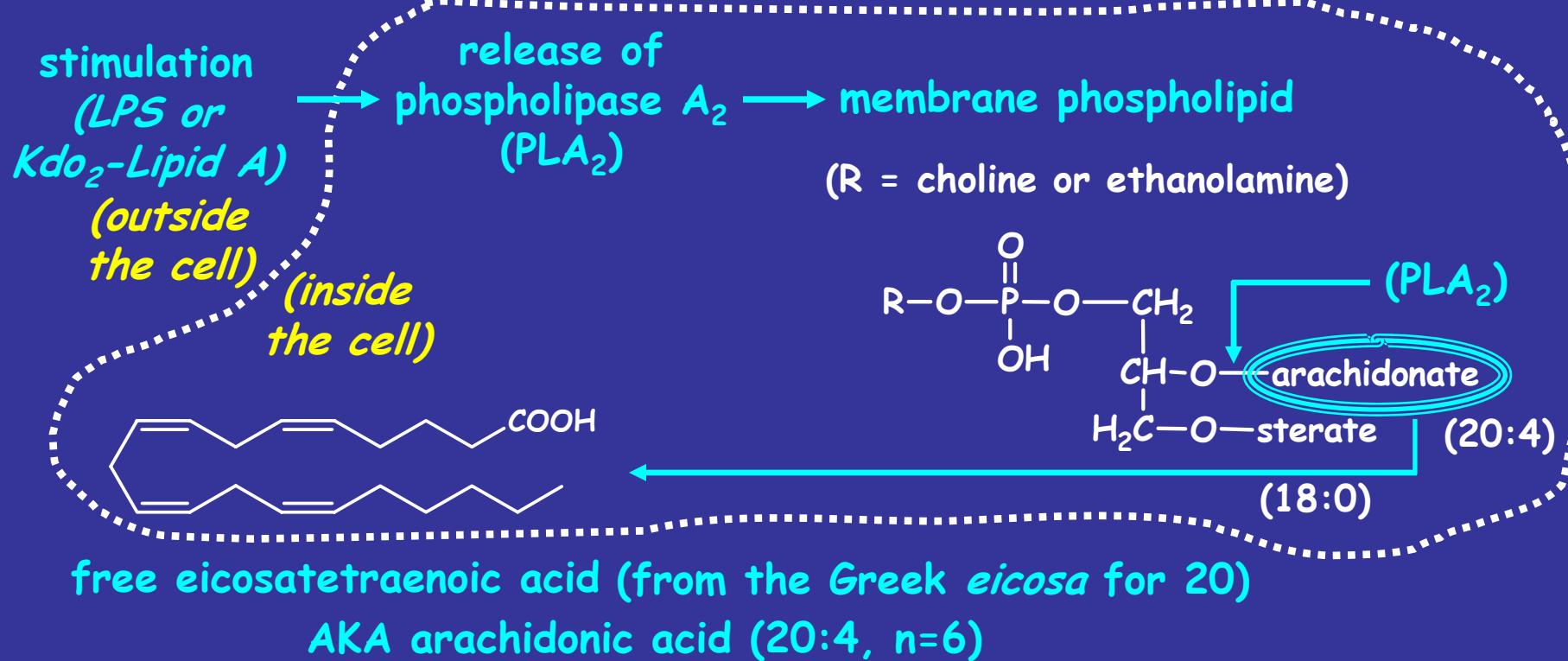
# Outline

- Brief description of eicosanoids
- Sample preparation/extraction
- Analytical methodology: LC-MS
- Library of eicosanoid standards
- Chiral chromatography - *enzymatic or nonenzymatic?*
- DIMPLES/MS: A stable isotope substrate labeling strategy enabling the search for novel eicosanoids
- Comparison of LIPID MAPS eicosanoid approach with others in literature
- Future plans

## brief description of eicosanoids (depicted on next slide)

When cells are stimulated, for example by the endotoxin LPS or Kdo<sub>2</sub>-Lipid A, this initiates a cascade of events which involves the release *within the cell* of the enzyme phospholipase A<sub>2</sub> (PLA<sub>2</sub>). PLA<sub>2</sub> then acts on membrane phospholipids which contain a polar phosphoryl head group and 2 nonpolar fatty acid side chains. Most commonly, the sn1 position contains a saturated fatty acid such as steric acid and the sn2 position an unsaturated fatty acid such as arachidonic acid.

The PLA<sub>2</sub> hydrolytically excises the sn2 position fatty acid making it freely available within the cell. NOTE that *free AA* is not normally available within the cell - it is esterified to the phospholipid and only made available in free-form through such actions as endotoxin stimulation.



**Eicosanoids** - powerful inflammatory mediators that are derived from arachidonic acid and act in autocrine and paracrine fashion (signal at or immediately adjacent to their site of synthesis)

- Once they are made, they are quickly secreted from the cell
- Transcription factor: Can also enter cell's nucleus, binding and activating nuclear receptors

Sometimes referred to as *local hormones*

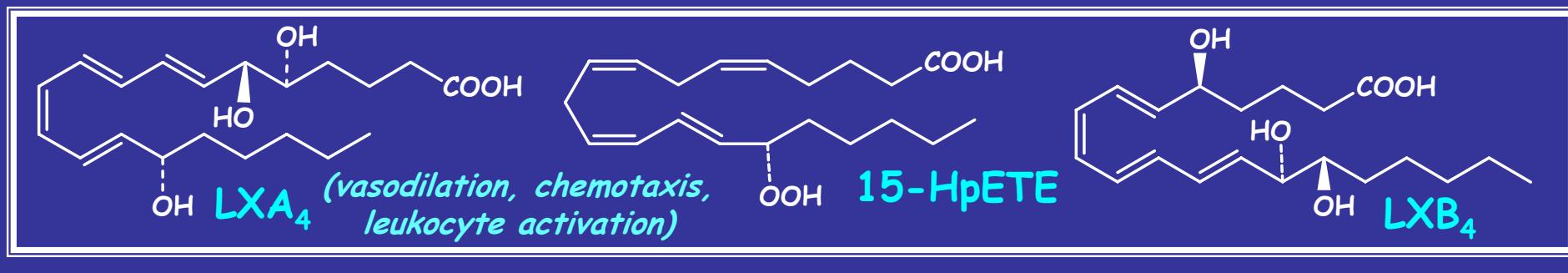
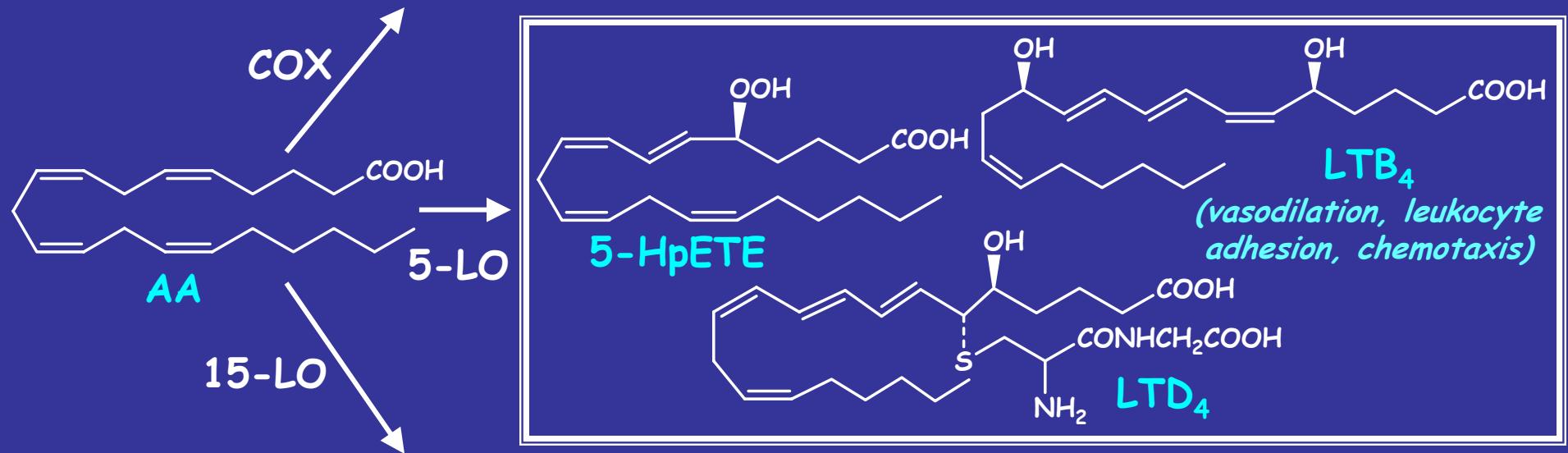
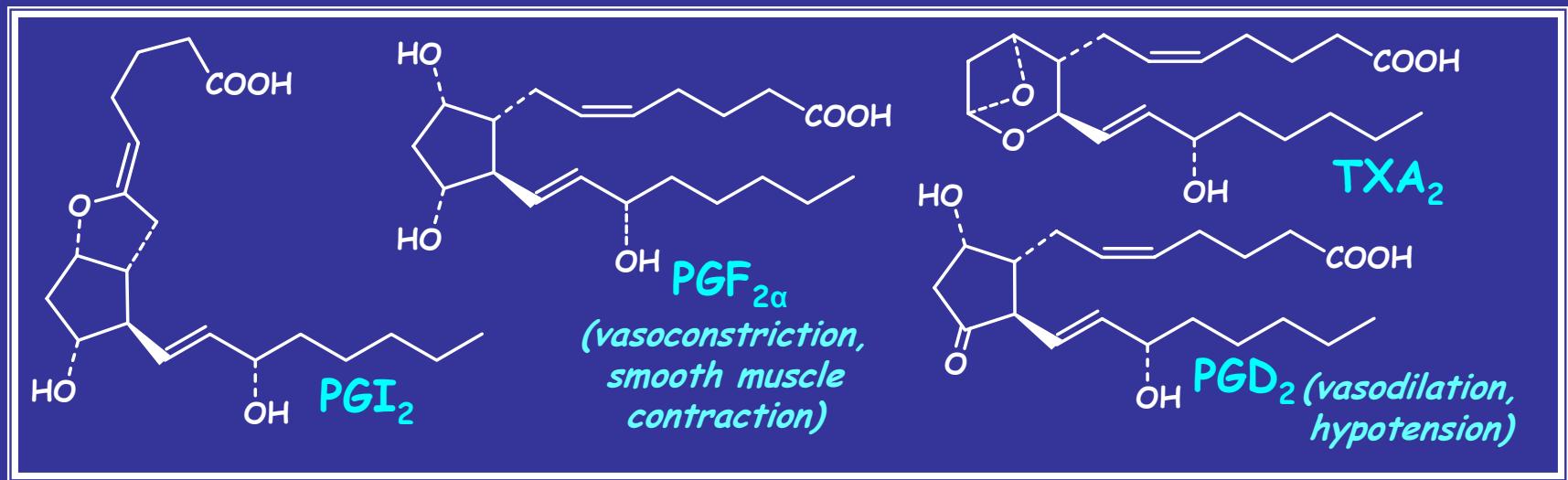
## brief description of eicosanoids (cont.) (depicted on next slide)

Within the cell, the free AA can serve as a substrate for the cyclooxygenase (COX) enzymes - and *with additional downstream enzymes* can lead to various prostaglandins - noted by their 5 carbon membered-ring.

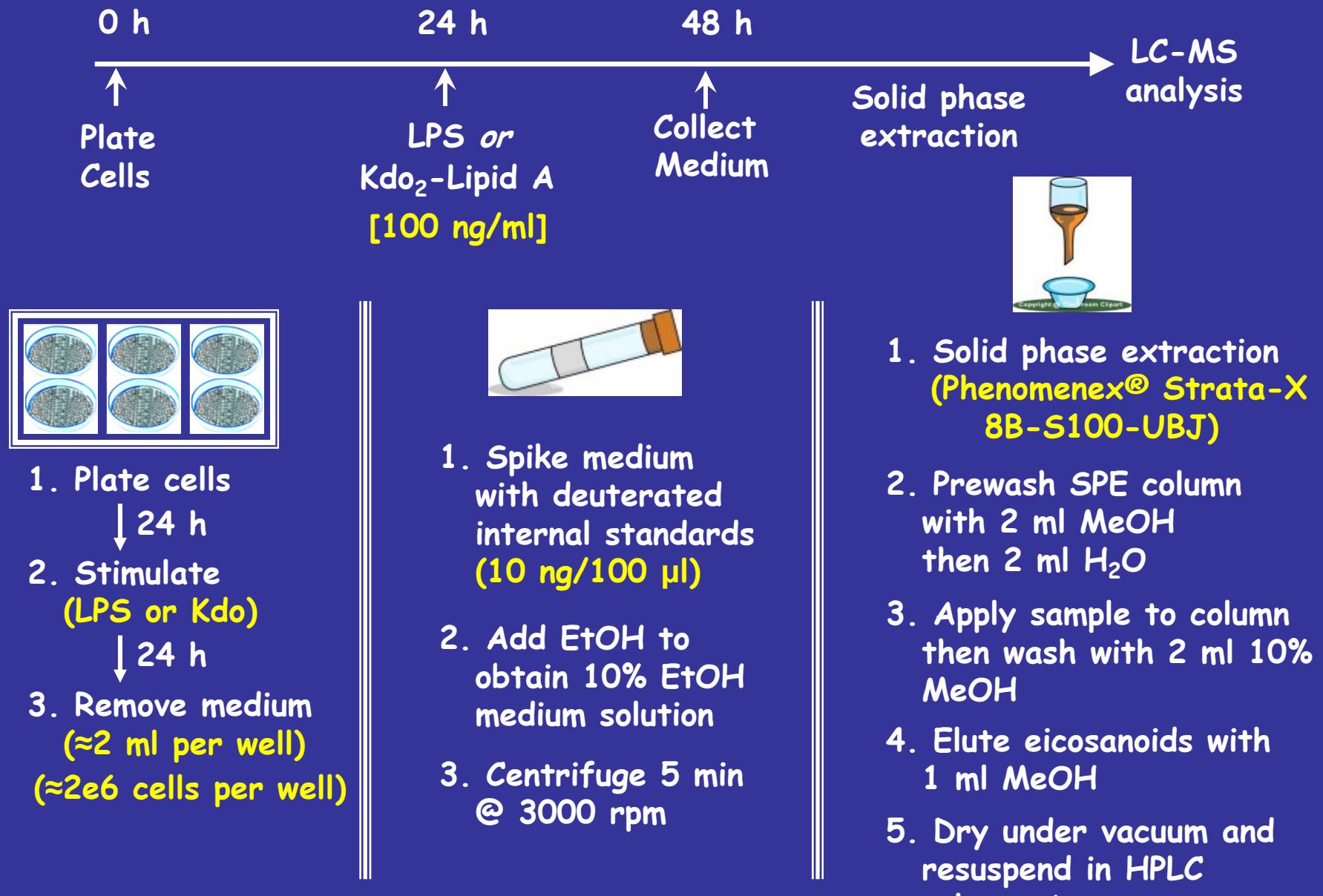
The free AA can also serve as a substrate for the 5-lipoxygenase (5-LO) enzyme leading to, for example, the leukotrienes.

Additionally, the free AA can serve as a substrate for the 15-lipoxygenase (15-LO) enzyme, leading to the lipoxins.

Please NOTE only a few examples of the *many* possible eicosanoid products are shown, along with a few of their physiological roles.



# sample preparation and extraction

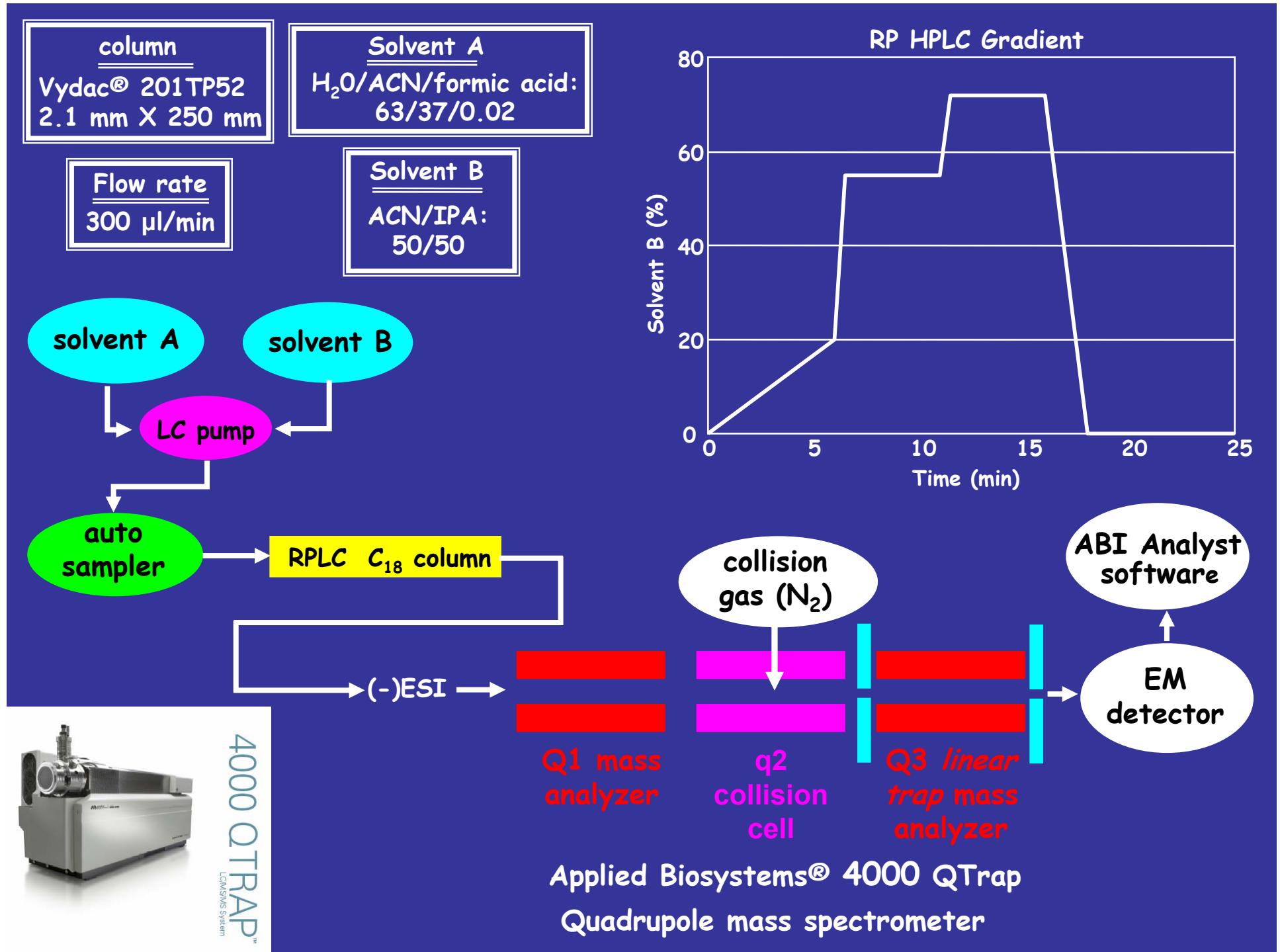


## analytical methodology: LC-MS (depicted on next slide)

The first structural characterization of eicosanoids occurred in the early 1960's and these studies depended heavily upon gas chromatography-mass spectrometry (GC-MS). GC-MS continued to play a very central role in eicosanoid analyses many years after.

More recent advances in electrospray ionization (ESI) mass spectrometry coupled to high performance liquid chromatography have offered extremely sensitive and quantitative assays for most of the eicosanoids *without the need for chemical derivatization prior to analysis as is required by GC-MS techniques*.

Shown here is the platform we are using for our eicosanoid surveys, employing reversed-phase liquid chromatography (RPLC) and negative electrospray ionization. With negative electrospray ionization, a proton is removed from the eicosanoid's carboxyl group, making a negative ion. The mass spectrometer we use is the Applied Biosystems 4000 QTrap.



## analytical methodology: LC-MS (cont.) (depicted on next slide)

A specialize form of tandem mass spectrometry is known as *Multiple Reaction Monitoring or MRM*.

Here ions are introduced into Q1. Using Q1 we isolate one specific mass to-charge ratio or  $m/z$ . Ion's having this specific  $m/z$  are then fragmented in Q2. Q3 is set to pass only one specific  $m/z$  fragment - a fragment having an  $m/z$  that is correlated to the  $m/z$  of the precursor that it was produced from. Therefore for a specific molecule, we have a specific MRM pair associated with it.

Coupling a liquid chromatography separation to the mass spectrometer and running the mass spec in MRM mode, the mass spectrometer is used as a *highly selective and highly sensitive HPLC detector*.

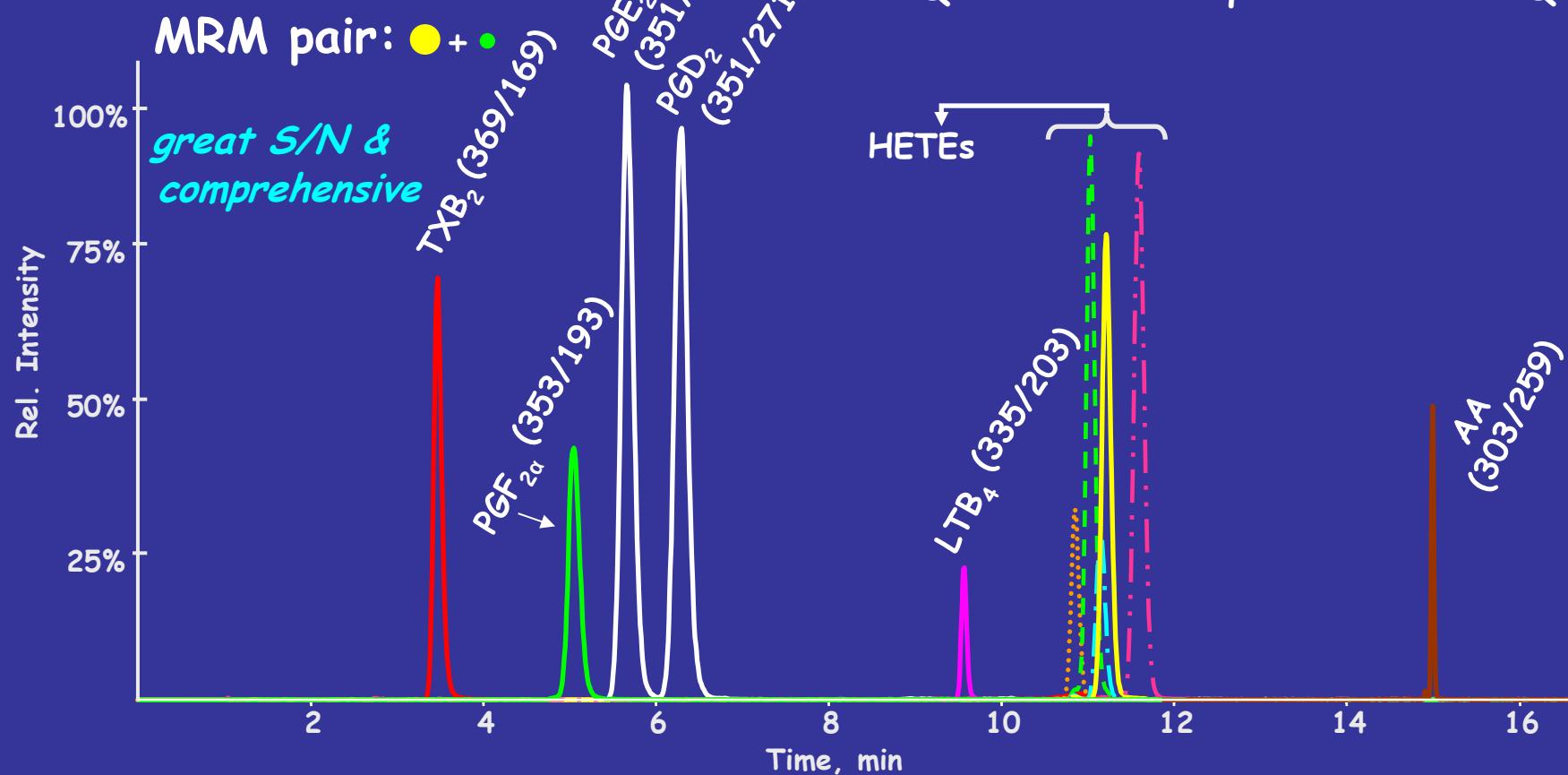
Shown here is the chromatogram obtained using a mixture of 11 eicosanoid standards along with their specific MRM pairs.

# Eicosanoid Standard

## Mixture

LC/MS - MRM

Multiple Reaction Monitoring  
"specialized" form of MSMS



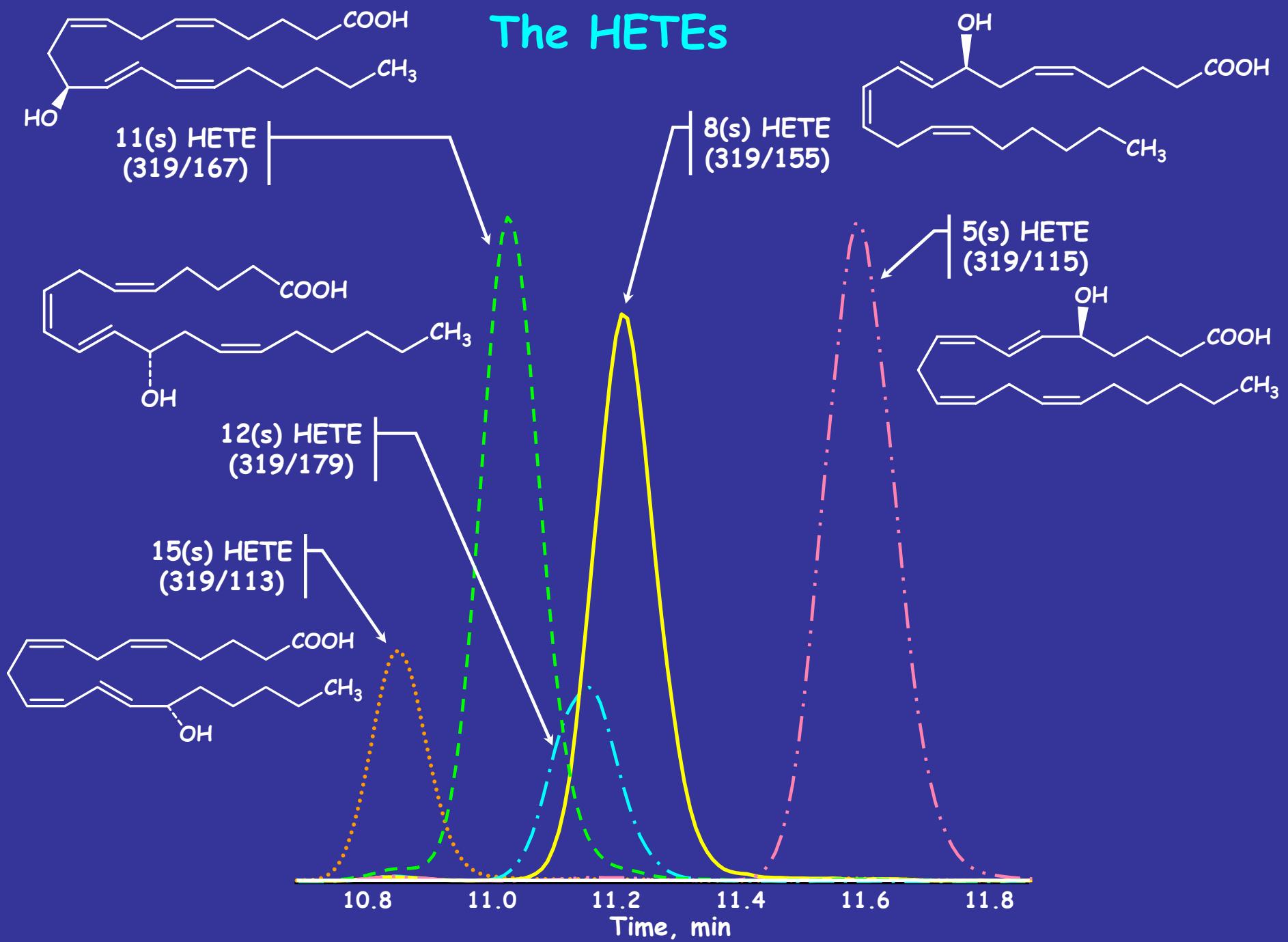
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The great thing about using the mass spec's MRM mode is we can create a method that can monitor over 100 species, according to their specific MRM pair, in a single analysis (16 min). The mass spectrometer cycles through all the MRM pairs repeatedly, from the beginning of the analysis to the end. If a specific molecule is eluting from the chromatography column at any time during the analysis, the MRM pair will detect it.

This provides a great signal-to-noise ratio and the method is extremely comprehensive.

Looking at the area of the hydroxyeicosatetraenoic acid or HETE compounds in more detail we see that *combining LC retention time and MRM specificity*, we can clearly resolve the very similar members of this family of positional isomers.

# The HETEs



# Library of Eicosanoid Standards

(<http://www.lipidmaps.org>)

## Provides:

○ Chemical structure in ChemDraw® format

○ LC and MS protocols

○ MSMS fragmentation spectra

○ LC retention times for given set of conditions

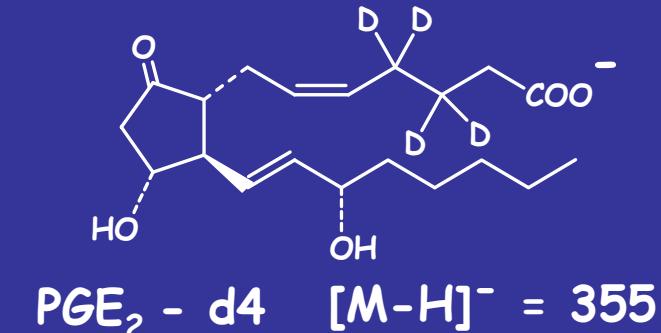
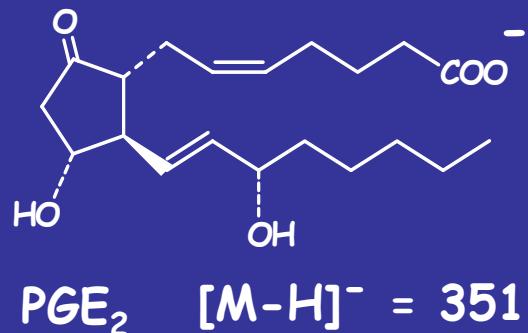
○ Web-link to Cayman Chemical for each eicosanoid

The screenshot shows a Microsoft Internet Explorer window displaying the LIPID MAPS website. The title bar reads "LIPID MAPS -- LIPID Metabolites And Pathways Strategy - Microsoft Internet Explorer". The address bar shows the URL [http://www.lipidmaps.org/data/standards/fa\\_stds6.php](http://www.lipidmaps.org/data/standards/fa_stds6.php). The page header includes the LIPID MAPS logo, the title "LIPID Metabolites And Pathways Strategy", and navigation links for About, Data, Protocols, and Home. Below the header is a sub-navigation menu with links to Lipid Classification Scheme, Lipid Standards, and Lipid Structure Database. The main content area is titled "Lipid Standards: Eicosanoids". It contains a table with 43 rows of data, each representing a different eicosanoid. The columns are labeled LM\_ID, Name, Systematic Name, Cayman ID, MS/MS, and Ref. The table provides detailed chemical information and links to external resources like Cayman Chemical.

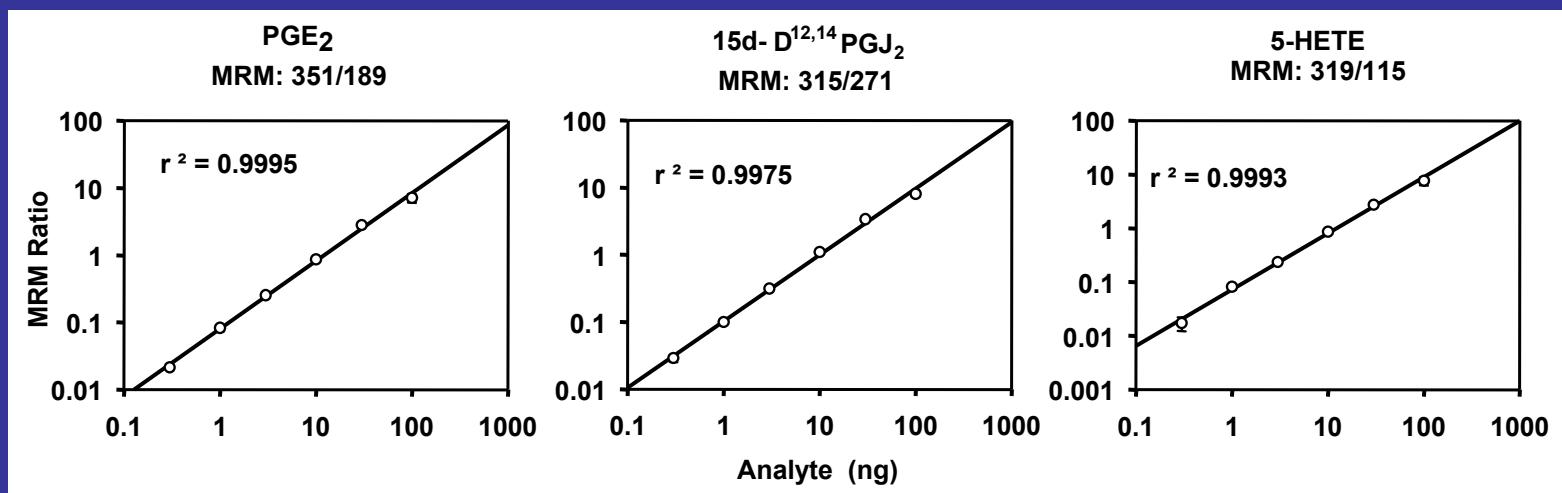
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LMFA01030003	AA - d8	5Z,8Z,11Z,14Z - eicosatetraenoic acid (5,6,8,9,11,12,14,15 - d8)	390010	311([M-H]-)	-
LMFA03010001	6k - PGF1 $\alpha$	9S,11R,15S - trihydroxy - 6 - o xo - 13E - prostenoic acid	15210	369([M-H]-)	6
LMFA03010002	PGF2 $\alpha$	9S,11R,15S - trihydroxy - 5Z,13E - prostadienoic acid	16010	353([M-H]-)	1,2,3
LMFA03010003	PGE2	11R,15S - dihydroxy - 9 - o xo - 5Z,13E - prostadienoic acid	14010	351([M-H]-)	4
LMFA03010004	PGD2	9S,11S - dihydroxy - 11 - o xo - 5Z,13E - prostadienoic acid	12010	351([M-H]-)	-
LMFA03010006	PGF2 $\alpha$ - d4	9S,11R,15S - trihydroxy - 5Z,13E - prostadienoic acid (3,3,4,4 - d4)	316010	357([M-H]-)	-
LMFA03010007	PGD2 - d4	9S,15S - dihydroxy - 11 - o xo - 5Z,13E - prostadienoic acid (3,3,4,4 - d4)	312010	355([M-H]-)	-
LMFA03010008	PGE2 - d4	11R,15S - dihydroxy - 9 - o xo - 5Z,13E - prostadienoic acid (3,3,4,4 - d4)	314010	355([M-H]-)	-
LMFA03010009	PGG2	9S,11R - epidoxy - 15S - hydroperoxy - 5Z,13E - prostadienoic acid	17010	367([M-H]-)	-
LMFA03010010	PGH2	9S,11R - epidoxy - 15S - hydroxy - 5Z,13E - prostadienoic acid	17020	351([M-H]-)	-
LMFA03010011	2,3 - Dinor - 11 $\beta$ - PGF2 $\alpha$	9S,11S,13S - trihydroxy - 2,3 - dinor - 5Z,13E - prostadienoic acid	16530	325([M-H]-)	-
LMFA03010012	6keto - PGE1	11R,15S - dihydroxy - 6,9 - dioxo - 13E - prostenoic acid	13260	367([M-H]-)	-
LMFA03010013	6,15 - diketo - 13,14 - dihydro - PGF1 $\alpha$	9S,11R - dihydroxy - 6,15 - dioxo - 13E - prostenoic acid	15270	369([M-H]-)	-
LMFA03010014	20 - hydroxy - PGE2	11R,15S,20 - trihydroxy - 9 - o xo - 5Z,13E - prostadienoic acid	14950	367([M-H]-)	-
LMFA03010015	PGF2 $\alpha$ - EA	N - (9S,11R,15S - trihydroxy - 5Z,13E - prostadienoyl) - ethanolamine	16013	396([M-H]-)	-
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LMFA03010018	PGB2	15S - hydroxy - 9 - o xo - 5Z,8(12),13E - prostatrienoic acid	11210	333([M-H]-)	-
LMFA03010019	PGJ2	15S - hydroxy - 11 - o xo - 5Z,8,12E - prostatrienoic acid	18500	333([M-H]-)	-
LMFA03010020	6 - 12 - PGJ2	15S - hydroxy - 11 - o xo - 5Z,9,12E - prostatrienoic acid	18550	333([M-H]-)	-
LMFA03010021	15 - deoxy - 6 - 12,14 - PGJ2	11 - o xo - 5Z,9,12E,14Z - prostatetraenoic acid	18570	315([M-H]-)	-
LMFA03010022	13,14 - dihydro - 15 - keto - PGD2	11,15 - dioxo - 9S - hydroxy - 5Z - prostenoic acid	12610	351([M-H]-)	-
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LMFA03010024	19R - hydroxy - PGE2	9 - o xo - 11R,15S,19R - trihydroxy - 5Z,13E - prostadienoic acid	14910	367([M-H]-)	-
LMFA03010025	PGF2 $\beta$	9R,11R,15S - trihydroxy - 5Z,13E - prostadienoic acid	16410	353([M-H]-)	-
LMFA03010026	15 - keto - PGF2 $\alpha$	9S,11R - dihydroxy - 15 - keto - 5Z,13E - prostadienoic acid	16700	353([M-H]-)	-

The eicosanoid library provides information from which a comprehensive method (LC-MRM-MSMS) is created and used to survey eicosanoid release from stimulated cells

*use of deuterium labeled internal standards allows absolute quantitation for a number of eicosanoids*



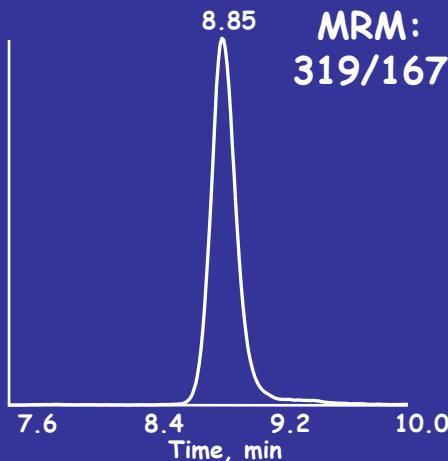
*example of internal standard calibration curves used for quantitation*



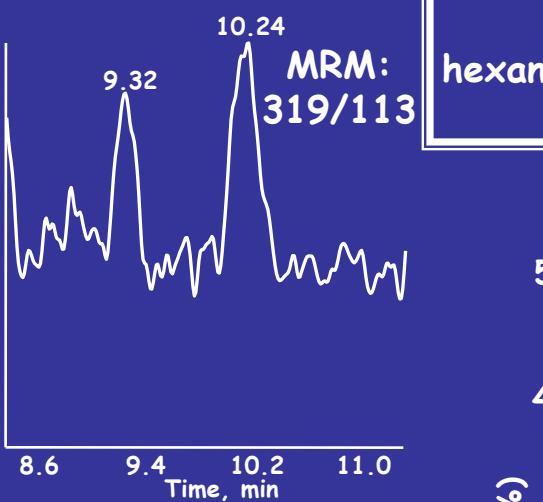
# *chiral chromatography aids in determining enzymatic vs. nonenzymatic origin*

*atmospheric pressure chemical ionization (APCI) used*

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RAW cells



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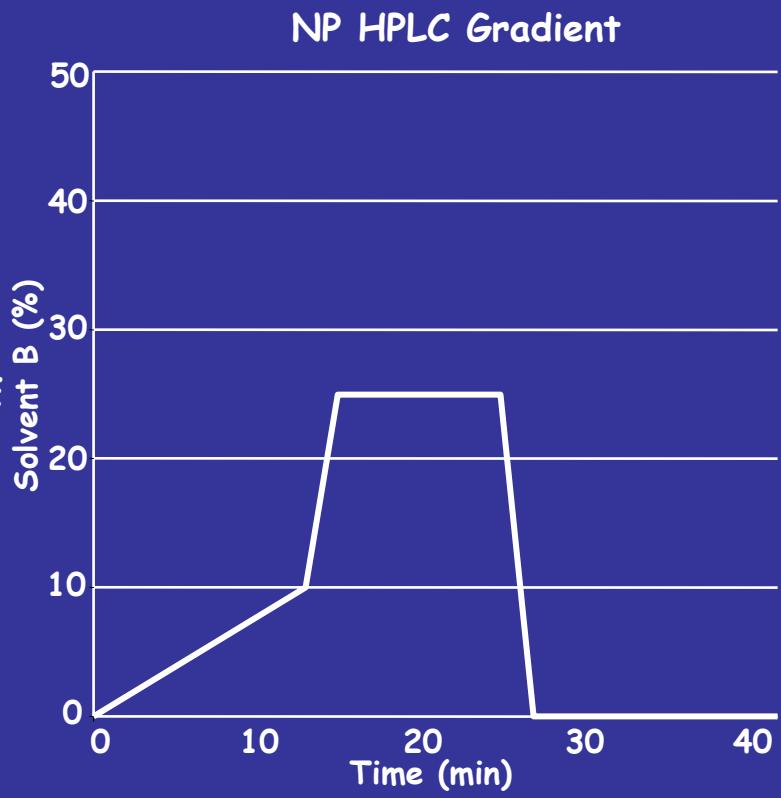
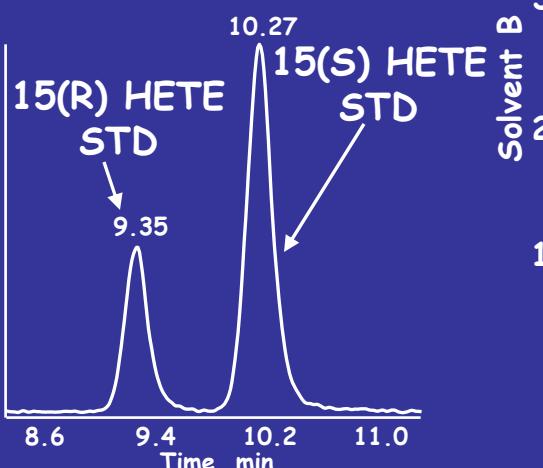
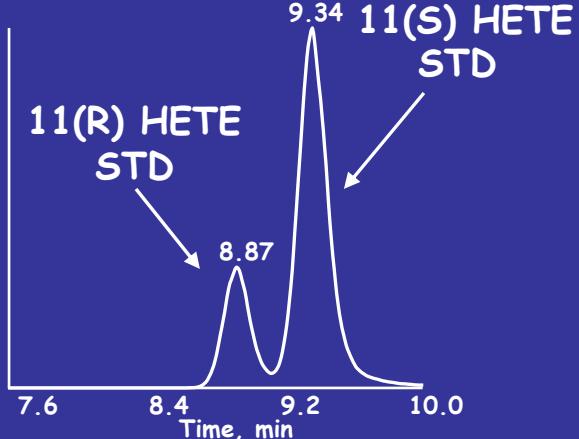


column  
Chiraldak® AD-H  
4.6 mm X 250 mm

Flow rate  
500 µl/min

Solvent A  
hexane/EtOH/H<sub>2</sub>O/formic acid:  
96/4/0.08/0.02

Solvent B  
EtOH : 100



# Are biologically significant eicosanoids being overlooked?

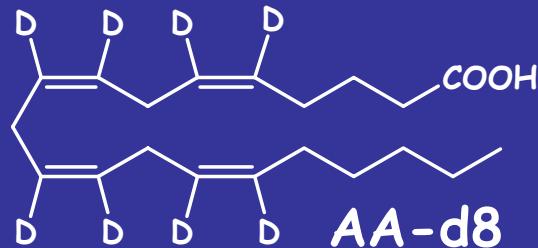
*Are there species for which we have no prior knowledge of or expectation of their presence and, hence, no available MRM pairs or chromatography retention times that would be required for their detection?*

To address these concerns a mass spectral based stable isotope labeling strategy has been developed

# DIMPLES/MS: Diverse Isotope Metabolic Profiling of Labeled Exogenous Substrates using Mass Spectrometry

Harkewicz et al. (2007) J. Biol. Chem. 282 pp. 2899-2910

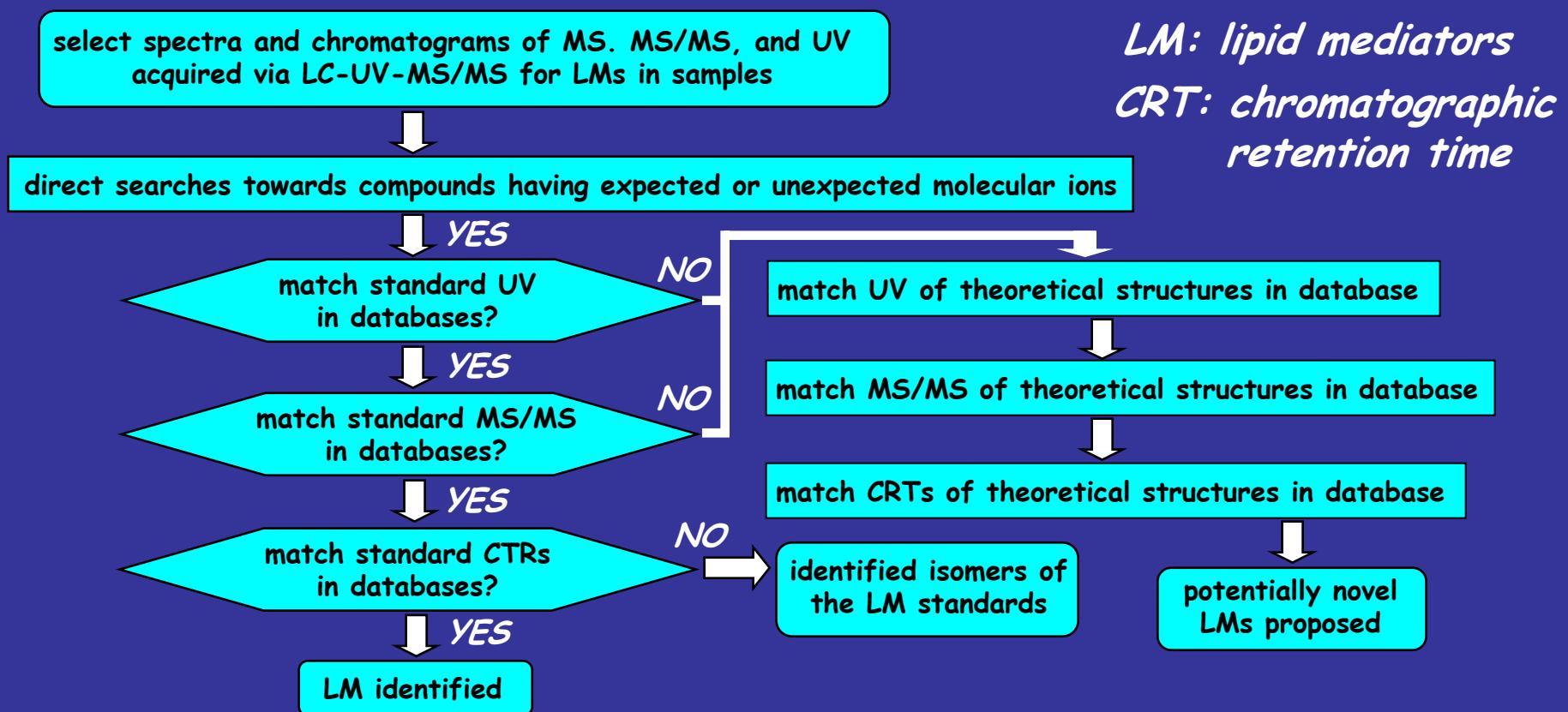
# Incubation of cells in medium supplemented with deuterium-labeled arachidonic acid (AA-d8)

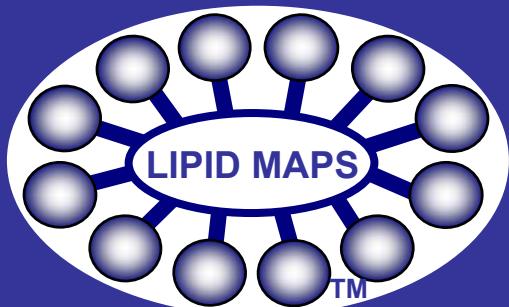


# another approach to eicosanoid lipidomics and the search for novel eicosanoids

*Serhan Lab developing theoretical databases and algorithms based on virtual LC-UV spectroscopy-tandem mass spectrometry and chromatograms for identifying potential eicosanoids without synthetic or authentic products as standards*

*Y. Lu et al. (2005) J. Lipid Res. 46 pp. 790-802*





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## future plans

- Continue to expand eicosanoid library
- Incorporate UV detection and analyses into eicosanoid surveys
- Expand search for novel eicosanoids
- Similar studies with  $\Omega$ -3 fatty acid supplementation  
EPA (20:5 n-3) and DHA (22:6 n-3)

