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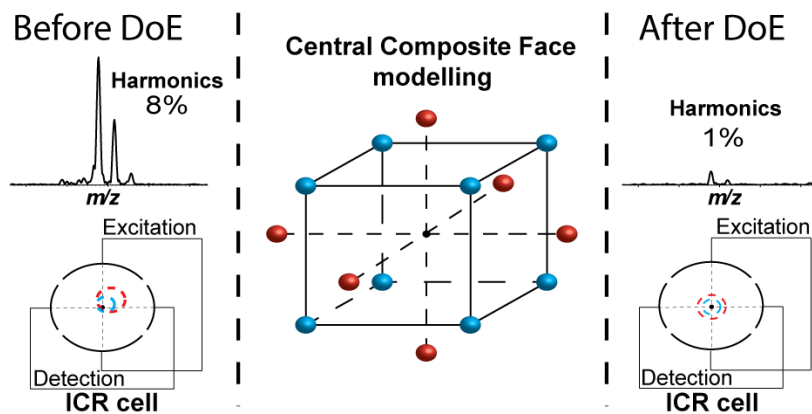
17 **Abstract**

18 The optimization of the ion trajectories in the ion cyclotron resonance (ICR) cell of a
19 Fourier transform ICR mass spectrometer is a crucial step to obtain the best dynamic range,
20 mass resolution, and mass accuracy. With the recent introduction of the dynamically
21 harmonized cell, the complexity of tuning expanded drastically, and a fine-tuning of the
22 DC voltages is required to optimize the ion cloud movement. This adjustment is typically
23 performed manually.

24 Here, we propose a computational method based on a design of experiments (DoE) strategy
25 to overcome the limits of classical manual tuning. This DoE strategy was exemplarily
26 applied on a 12T FTICR equipped with a dynamically harmonized ICR cell. The
27 chemometric approach, based on a composite central face design (CCF), was first applied
28 on a reference material (sodium trifluoroacetate) allowing for the evaluation of the primary
29 cell parameters. Eight factors were identified related to shimming and gating. The summed
30 intensity of the signal corresponding to the even harmonics was defined as one quality
31 criteria.

32 Consequently, the DoE response allowed for rapid and complete mapping of cell
33 parameters resulting in an optimized parameter set. The new set of cell parameters was
34 applied to the study of an ultra-complex sample. Here, Tholins, an ultra-complex mixture
35 that mimics the haze present on Titan, was chosen. We observed a substantial improvement
36 in mass spectrometric performance. The sum of signals related to harmonics was decreased
37 by a factor of three (from 4% for conventional tuning to 1.3%). Furthermore, the dynamic
38 range was also increased and lead to an increase of attributed peaks by 13%.

39 **Graphical abstract**



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42 1. Introduction

43 Fourier Transform Ion Cyclotron Resonance mass spectrometer (FTICR) is well known to
44 be the most powerful mass spectrometer by reaching unprecedented resolving power, mass
45 accuracy and sensitivity levels^{1,2}. It turned out to be the most appropriate instrument for the
46 characterization of ultra-complex mixtures such as petroleum³⁻⁷, natural organic matter⁸ or
47 extraterrestrial organic matter^{9,10}. In order to detect the cyclotron motion, FTICR uses the
48 combination of a static electric field which is hyperbolic near the center and a strong
49 homogeneous static magnetic field (up to 21 Tesla – so far). The combination of both fields
50 retains ions in the cell. Ions in the magnetic field travel according to a cyclotron motion
51 defined by equation 1.

$$52 \quad \omega_0 = \frac{qB_0}{m}$$

53 Equation 1: Cyclotron frequency (ω_0) of a charged particle in a homogeneous magnetic
54 field. q is the charge of the particle, B_0 the strength of the magnetic field and m the mass of
55 the particle.

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57 In addition, the ion packet undergoes a drift of a trajectory equal to $\mathbf{E} \times \mathbf{B}$ where \mathbf{E} is the
58 electric field and \mathbf{B} is the magnetic field. Both of these movements allow the ion packet to
59 be trapped in the cell^{2,11}.

60 The shape of the ICR cell was improved steadily over time from first cubic geometry¹² to
61 a variety of spherical designs varying in electrode shape and number¹³. As an example, the
62 orthorhombic capacitively coupled cell developed by Steven Beu in 1991¹⁴ or the infinity
63 cell which was designed by Caravatti et al. in 1991 are cited here¹⁵, the later remaining the
64 most commonly used nowadays. In recent instruments, the so-called dynamically
65 harmonized cell is frequently deployed². For the purpose of radiofrequency excitation and
66 detection of ions, the cell is composed of several electrodes. In case of the dynamically

67 harmonized cell, these excitation and detection electrodes are specially shaped to
68 compensate the quadrupolar electric field over the entire cell's body. It allows to produce
69 a volume where, over the orbit of the ions, the average field is quadrupolar at all cyclotron
70 radii. Thus, the frequency drifts of ions of the same mass over time along the Z axis are
71 reduced. This makes possible to record transients for a longer time than in the previous
72 cells and thus significantly improve performance

73 Optimized detection in terms of highest resolving power, sensitivity and dynamic range is
74 obtained when the ion cloud is perfectly centered in the middle of the magnet. However, in
75 practice, the imperfections of the alignment cause a bias in the position of the ion packets
76 and thus a deviation in the cyclotron motion synchronization. This issue is solved by adding
77 another set of segments to the dynamically harmonized cell in order to smooth
78 imperfections by applying additional DC (Direct Current) voltages¹¹. With this approach,
79 it is possible to decrease the abundance of even-harmonic signals and, thus, to minimize
80 magnetron motion. However, the values for the additionally applied DC voltages have to
81 be tuned manually, which requires specially trained personnel and is tedious and time-
82 consuming. In the present work, an experimental design approach is proposed in order to
83 overcome the drawbacks of the manual ICR cell tuning. The approach seeks to optimize
84 the DC voltages and reach the best set of parameters. Design of experiments (DoE) is a
85 rigorous procedure in which defined modifications are induced based on a given set of
86 variables. The response of the system is recovered to create a mathematical model, which
87 allows a prediction of a set of parameters optimizing the response value¹⁶⁻¹⁸. Some example
88 of mass spectrometer's optimization using DoE can be cite, such as the work performed by
89 Lemonakis et al (2016) and Tebani et al (2016)^{19,20}. Here, this method is applied on a
90 defined response, the sum of the abundance of the second harmonic of sodium
91 trifluoroacetate cluster.

92 After optimization, the obtained parameters are applied to the analysis of a complex
93 mixture, Tholins. This synthetic material is used to understand the chemistry occurring in
94 Titan's atmosphere by artificially mimicking the brown haze surrounding the largest moon
95 of Saturn²¹⁻²⁵. More importantly, Tholins have shown to be ultra-complex mixtures with
96 high isobaric complexity and thousands of elemental compositions ²⁶. Tholins spectra
97 obtained after DoE and after the usual manual method are compared. The potential of the
98 developed method for complex mixtures analysis is highlighted evaluating the mass
99 spectrometric performance, i.e., resolving power, the abundance of harmonics and number
100 of detected signals.

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102 **2. Experimental methods**

103 *2.1. Tholins production*

104 Tholins were produced following the PAMPRE procedure (French acronym for Aerosols
105 Microgravity Production by Reactive Plasmas) presented elsewhere^{24,27}. Briefly, in a
106 stainless steel tubular reactor, a continuous gas mixture composed of 95 v-% nitrogen and
107 5 v-% methane was injected through polarized electrodes and evacuated by a primary
108 vacuum pump system. A Radio Frequency – Capacity Coupled Plasma (RF-CCP)
109 discharge was established in the gas mixture deploying an RF of 13.56 MHz. The pressure
110 in the plasma discharge was maintained at 0.9 ± 0.1 mbar, and the reaction took place at
111 room temperature (293 K).

112 *2.2. Instrumentation*

113 *2.2.1. Fourier transform ion cyclotron resonance mass spectrometer*

114 All analyses were performed on a FTICR Solarix XR from Bruker equipped with a 12T
115 superconducting magnet and a dynamically harmonized ICR cell. The following ion
116 transfer parameters were used for both electrospray (ESI) and laser desorption ionization
117 (LDI) analyses in positive ion mode: capillary exit 150V, deflector plate 200V, funnel1
118 150V, skimmer1 25V, funnel RF amplitude 60Vpp, octopole frequency 5MHz, octopole
119 RF amplitude 350Vpp, lower cut-off of the quadrupole at m/z 120, time-of-flight 0.7ms,
120 frequency TOF 6MHz, TOF RF amplitude 200Vpp, side kick offset -1V, front and back
121 trapping plate 1.75V.

122 For ESI the following parameters were used: capillary 4.5kV, spray shield -500V, dry gas
123 flow $2\text{L}\cdot\text{min}^{-1}$, dry gas temperature 180°C , nebulizer gas flow 0.5bar. All analyses were
124 recorded on 20 scans with a quadrupole accumulation time of 0.1s. Electrospray spectra

125 were recorded with a mass range from m/z 98 to 1,200 and a transient length of 2.2s. Sodium
126 trifluoroacetate (NaTFA, Sigma Aldrich) at $0.1\text{mg}\cdot\text{ml}^{-1}$ in ACN/H₂O (50/50, v/v) was used
127 as a standard for the design of experiments approach.

128 Complex Tholins mixture analyses was recorded applying LDI. The solid sample was
129 deposited on a MALDI plate following previous work²⁸. The third harmonic of a Nd:YAG
130 laser at 355nm delivering a maximum output of 0.5mJ (Smartbeam II, Bruker) was used to
131 ionize the samples with the following parameters: laser power 15%, laser shots per scan
132 50, shots frequency 1kHz, plate offset 100V. The recorded mass spectra combined 800
133 scans to achieve high signal-to-noise. LDI spectra were recorded with a mass range from
134 m/z 110 to 1200 and a transient length of 4.3s.

135 *2.3. Experimental design*

136 *2.3.1. Software*

137 DataAnalysis 4.4 (Bruker Daltonics GmbH, Bremen) was used to process all mass
138 spectrometric analyses, including m/z -calibration and response recovering (abundance of
139 the harmonic signals).

140 MODDE 11 software (Umetrics, Sartorius Stedim Data Analytics AB, Umea, Sweden) was
141 used to perform the consecutive data analyses and modeling. The initial step is the
142 definition of the response (i.e., user observation). Then, in a second step, factors influencing
143 the response are defined. Afterward, several choices of experimental design shapes can be
144 chosen. The software will automatically create the DoE given to the user as a coded matrix
145 (**Table 1**) and a real matrix (**Table S1**). This matrix defines the experiments to be recorded
146 and from which the response has to be extracted. Then, MODDE propose an automatic
147 fitting method (e.g., partial least squares regression - PLS) allowing the visualization of the

148 quality and the predictability of the DoE. Finally, the optimizer tool was used to predict the
149 set of parameters giving the best response result.

150 2.3.2. Factorial designs

151 The tuning of the ICR cell is established with eight principal parameters, four shimming
152 parameters (shimming 0°, shimming 180°, shimming 90° and shimming 270°) and four
153 gating settings (gated 0°, 90°, 180°, and 270°)¹¹. The set of gating parameters represents
154 the values of DC voltages applied during the injection in the ICR cell in order to correctly
155 trap the ion packets. The set of shimming parameters represents the values of DC voltages
156 applied for the excitation and the detection of the ions packets in the ICR cell. A simplified
157 description of the ICR cell is given in **figure 1**. Other parameters of the ICR cell are not
158 included (e.g., back and front plate voltages, sidekick offset) as they are easily and rapidly
159 manually tunable. This significantly reduces the number of experiments required for the
160 DoE approach, considerably decreasing the optimization time.

161 Parameters were grouped in pairs leading to four couples of parameters: shimming 0°-180°
162 (Shi0), shimming 90°-270° (Shi90), gated 0°-180° (Gat0) and gated 90°-270° (Gat90)
163 simplifying the optimization process compared to the conventional manual procedure. The
164 values of these couples change symmetrically, meaning that when the value of one part is
165 increased, the other part decreases about the same value. Initially, all values are set to 1.5V
166 (default settings). As example, increasing the value of the shimming 0° about 50mV to
167 1.55V results at a value of the shimming 180° of 1.45V. In addition to these four coupled
168 parameters, the sweep excitation power (SEP) was added as a factor parameter for the first
169 step of the optimization strategy. SEP has a crucial impact on the ion trajectories as it
170 defines their radius. After defining the assessed experimental factors, it was necessary to
171 define the desired response as a result of the optimization. Following the classical

172 optimization method, the intensity ratio between the ion of the NaTFA at m/z 702.86324
173 and its second harmonic at m/z 351.43164 was recovered.

174 The optimization of the dynamically harmonized cell parameters was divided into two
175 steps. The first screening step was performed with wide parameter intervals to evaluate the
176 effects of each parameter on the defined response. The second part, named optimization
177 experimental design, focused on narrower intervals to reach the best set of parameters. The
178 applied chemometric approach for the two steps is based on a Composite Central
179 Composite face design (CCF) which takes into account interactions between parameters.
180 The coded CCF for the first step is given in **Table 1** formatted according to the required
181 software input. Basically, the table reflects the conducted experimental plan, where -1
182 means that the parameter was set at the respective low level (e.g., for Shi 0 at 1.465V) and
183 +1 at the respective high level. Defined intervals for each parameter are given in **Table 2**
184 for the screening and optimization step. These intervals have been defined quickly by
185 varying each of the parameters until the intensity of the harmonic reaches a minimum level.
186 This step takes about 5 minutes.

187 *2.3.3. Multivariate modeling*

188 Partial Least Squares regression (PLS) was used to model each CCF design and to find the
189 best set of parameters regarding the response chosen using the optimizer tool implemented
190 in MODDE 11. Thus, PLS coefficients are used to estimate factor effects. A positive value
191 of the coefficient indicates an increase of the response upon increasing the corresponding
192 parameter, whereas a negative value indicates a decrease of the response upon increasing
193 the corresponding parameter. The larger the absolute value of the PLS coefficient, the
194 higher the effect of the parameter on the response. Analysis of variance (ANOVA) applied
195 to the sum of squares of the PLS regression coefficient was used to assess the significance

196 of the factor effect. For a statistically significant effect of a factor, the model p -value of
197 ANOVA should not exceed 0.05²⁹.

198 **3. Results and discussion**

199 *3.1. Screening experimental design using NaTFA*

200 The design of experiments approach was performed using NaTFA to minimize the
201 abundance of signals related to harmonics. Briefly, the influence of four pairs of factors
202 and the SEP (Shi0, Shi90, Gat0, Gat90, and Sweep Excitation Power) was evaluated using
203 an even harmonic peak intensity of the ion m/z 702.86324 at m/z 351.43164 as the response.
204 A Central Composite Face design (CCF) was chosen as it is generally applicable for this
205 type of optimization problems.

206 **Figure 2a** visualizes the effect of the different factors on the even harmonic abundance in
207 the screening step. SEP, Shi0, and Shi90 revealed the most significant effects on the
208 intensity of the second harmonic peak, with contribution factors of 28.0%, 15.4%, and
209 33.3% respectively. SEP played a positive effect with high values leading to high
210 abundance of the harmonic. In contrast, Shi0 and Shi90 showed a negative response, with
211 high values resulting in low abundance of the harmonic. In addition, the interaction of Shi0
212 and Shi90 provided a significant positive effect, which is related to a high separation effect
213 of these parameters. Hence these two couples of parameters have two very different effects
214 on the abundance of the harmonic and, thus, on the ion cloud trajectories.

215 The prediction plot obtained based on the 27 experimental data points, between the
216 predicted and observed values of the abundance of the second harmonic, is shown in **Fig.**
217 **2b**. This representation allows to access the quality of prediction with this model based on
218 the initial data set. The cumulative modeled variation ($R^2X = 99.1\%$) and the cumulative
219 predicted variation ($Q^2Y = 62.8\%$) reflect the explained variance and the predictability of

220 the model. The near to one R^2X value proves the validity of the model. The Q^2Y value
221 (which is above 50%) proves that the model can give predictable values of parameters for
222 the defined response^{17,18,29}. However, this value could be improved to obtain better
223 optimization results, which will be the aim of the following part of the optimization
224 experimental design. The values of the regression coefficients and their respective p -values
225 are given in **Table S-3** (Supplementary data). The fitted models' metrics, ANOVA and
226 validation results of each model are presented in **Tables S-4** and **S-5** (Supplementary data).
227 Using this built model, the instrumental parameters were optimized to reach the lowest
228 harmonic intensity. The predicted optimized values are presented in **Table 2**. Nevertheless,
229 the obtained set of predicted values reach the extremity of each defined interval. Therefore,
230 an additional optimization step was performed focusing on tight intervals for Shi0, Shi90,
231 Gat0, and Gat90. It should be noted that the SEP and shimming values are two decorrelated
232 parameters. In the rest of this study, the SEP was fixed at a value of 30% in order to focus
233 on fine tuning. This value is a percentage of the maximum excitation amplitude.

234 *3.2. Optimization experimental design using NaTFA*

235 As described above, for this step, the sweep excitation power (SEP) was removed from the
236 studied factors to focus only on the cell parameters. It turned out, that Shi0 and Shi90 had
237 a major negative response on the second harmonic abundance (**Fig. 2c**), which is consistent
238 with the results obtained in the previous screening step. Coded regression coefficients,
239 ANOVA and model validation results are given in **Tables S-2, S-5, and S-6**
240 (Supplementary data). The fitted model shows a cumulative modeled variation of $R^2X =$
241 99.5% and a cumulative predicted variation of $Q^2Y = 88.9%$ as showed in **Fig. 2d**. These
242 results improved compared to the screening step and proved the high predictability of the
243 movement of ions in the dynamically harmonized cell. Using this built model, the

244 optimized set of parameters provided an abundance of 1.3% of second harmonics compared
245 to the base signal. In comparison, the non-optimized parameters (manufacturer default
246 values) provided 8% and manually optimized parameters provided 4% of harmonic
247 abundance, respectively.

248 This first study proved the possible optimization of the movement of ions in the ICR cell
249 by lowering harmonic peaks. This DoE methodology was validated by the study of a
250 NaTFA standard solution typically used for instrument calibration and optimization.
251 However, the high interest of optimizing the ion trajectories in the ICR cell is related to the
252 description of complex mixtures with unknown constituents. Consequently, the set of
253 parameters yielded by the DoE methodology have been applied to study Titan tholins. The
254 results were compared to those obtained after the manual optimization.

255 *3.3. Application for the analysis of complex mixtures: Titan tholins*

256 The largest moon of Saturn, Titan, is surrounded by a thick and nitrogen-rich fog with some
257 fraction of methane³⁰⁻³³. Understanding how this haze is produced along with its molecular
258 composition are crucial steps from a planetary and prebiotic chemistry perspective^{34,35}.
259 Tholins are analogs of Titan's haze. They are laboratory-produced and used as a proxy on
260 Earth as there is currently no sample return option. This material is an extremely complex
261 mixture comparable to the complexity of petroleum and as such ideal for evaluating the
262 tuning of the dynamically harmonized cell parameters²⁶. **Figure 3** shows an overview of a
263 tholins mass spectrum, containing more than 50,000 peaks. This mass spectrum was
264 generated with LDI ionization together with the optimized cell tuning parameters resulting
265 from the DoE approach on NaTFA. The insert in **Figure 3** presents the molecular
266 complexity on a single nominal mass revealing more than 100 resolved peaks. In this study,

267 we used this ultra-complex sample to compare the effects of the above-described
268 optimization strategy with the conventional method relying on manual optimization.

269 The comparison between the detected species applying the parameters given by manual
270 tuning and DoE optimization is illustrated in **Figure 4**. The mass spectrum at the top was
271 recorded after the conventional manual optimization of the ICR cell. This manual
272 optimization can take several hours easily to obtain high performance due to the manual
273 iteration process. The spectrum at the bottom was recorded after deploying the optimized
274 parameter set given by the newly developed DoE strategy, which takes approximately one
275 hour. It should be mentioned that the shimming parameters are re-optimized once a year to
276 compensate instrumental's drift. Except for the cell parameters, the two spectra were
277 recorded with the exact same conditions. The number of detected species is significantly
278 higher with the DoE optimization. **Figure 4**, giving a small fraction of the mass
279 spectrometric complexity revealed thirteen additional species (indicated with a red star) for
280 the DoE optimized spectrum compared to the spectrum resulted after manual tuning. The
281 attribution of these new peaks is given in **table S-7**. This observation can be induced by
282 two effects: 1) The ion packets is more centered in the cell thanks to the computational
283 method, inducing a higher dynamic range or, 2) in the spectrum after manual adjustment,
284 some peaks are in coalescence with their close neighbor. This effect is not present after the
285 DoE tuning, which explain why more peaks are observed in this case. In order to reinforce
286 this, through attributions, it can be justified that these peaks are not harmonics. Manual
287 optimization is a difficult and limited process. Indeed, it is impossible for the human eye to
288 take into account the interactions between the various parameters. Therefore, the location
289 of the ions is not perfectly centered and could still be improved. Furthermore, this method
290 is a time-consuming iterative process based on trial and error steps to reach acceptable
291 values specified by the manufacturer (here below 6% for the second harmonic). The above

292 described DoE strategy, performed with NaTFA, allows a complete mapping of the
293 different parameter effects along with their interactions, which allows modeling of the
294 system. Thus, this strategy leads to a more fine-tuning and a greater reduction of harmonics
295 compared to the conventional manual attempt.

296 Different metrics obtained for DoE originated and manually recorded spectra are listed in
297 **Table 3**. These results were obtained after recording 5 replicates for each tuning. As
298 illustrated in **Figure 4** applying the DoE generated parameters significantly increased the
299 number of observed peaks. The comparison with the manually tuned cell revealed 13%
300 more peaks attributed after the DoE tuning. The resolving power is also slightly increased
301 after the experimental design optimization: approx. 1,440,000 with the DoE method and
302 1,350 000 with the manual method at m/z 400. A slight increase is also observed for the
303 average mass accuracy of the elemental composition assignment. All these results are
304 summarized in **Figure 5**.

305 The application of the new predicted dynamically harmonized cell parameters on Titan's
306 tholins showed a clear enhancement on almost every metric of the recorded spectrum in
307 comparison with the spectrum generated with the non-tuned cell but also with the manually
308 tuned cell. Furthermore, this work will be useful for the implementation of quadrupolar ion
309 detection, which commonly induces higher order harmonics with increased abundance.
310 This newly developed optimization strategy is highly time efficient compared to the
311 conventional method, taking only one hour including the recording of the spectra, data
312 processing, and data analysis. It is a universal approach and can be applied to any complex
313 mixture such as petroleum and biological sample materials. Those ultra-complex mixtures
314 usually raises high analytical challenges regarding experimental optimization.

315

316 **4. Conclusions**

317 The developed design of experiments (DoE) strategy has proven to be applicable for
318 generating optimized parameter sets for a dynamically harmonized ICR cell. We could
319 show that the approach results in settings leading to a reduction of harmonics to levels not
320 reached by manual tuning and far below the manufacturer default values. Moreover, the
321 optimization process takes significantly less time and can be performed by any instrument
322 user. This substantial improvement allows for a better performance of the FTICR by
323 significantly increasing all metrics of the recorded spectrum, i.e., mass accuracy, resolution
324 and dynamic range, for both the standard as well as the ultra-complex mixture. Finally, this
325 computational procedure based on a composite face design could be applied for any other
326 mass spectrometric parameter optimization problem. The authors believe this will allow for
327 a more transparent and more structured design when performing method development.

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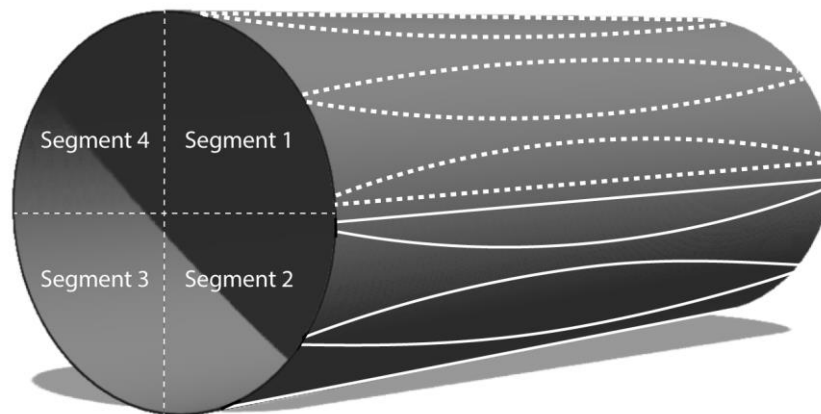
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445 **7. Figure and tables**

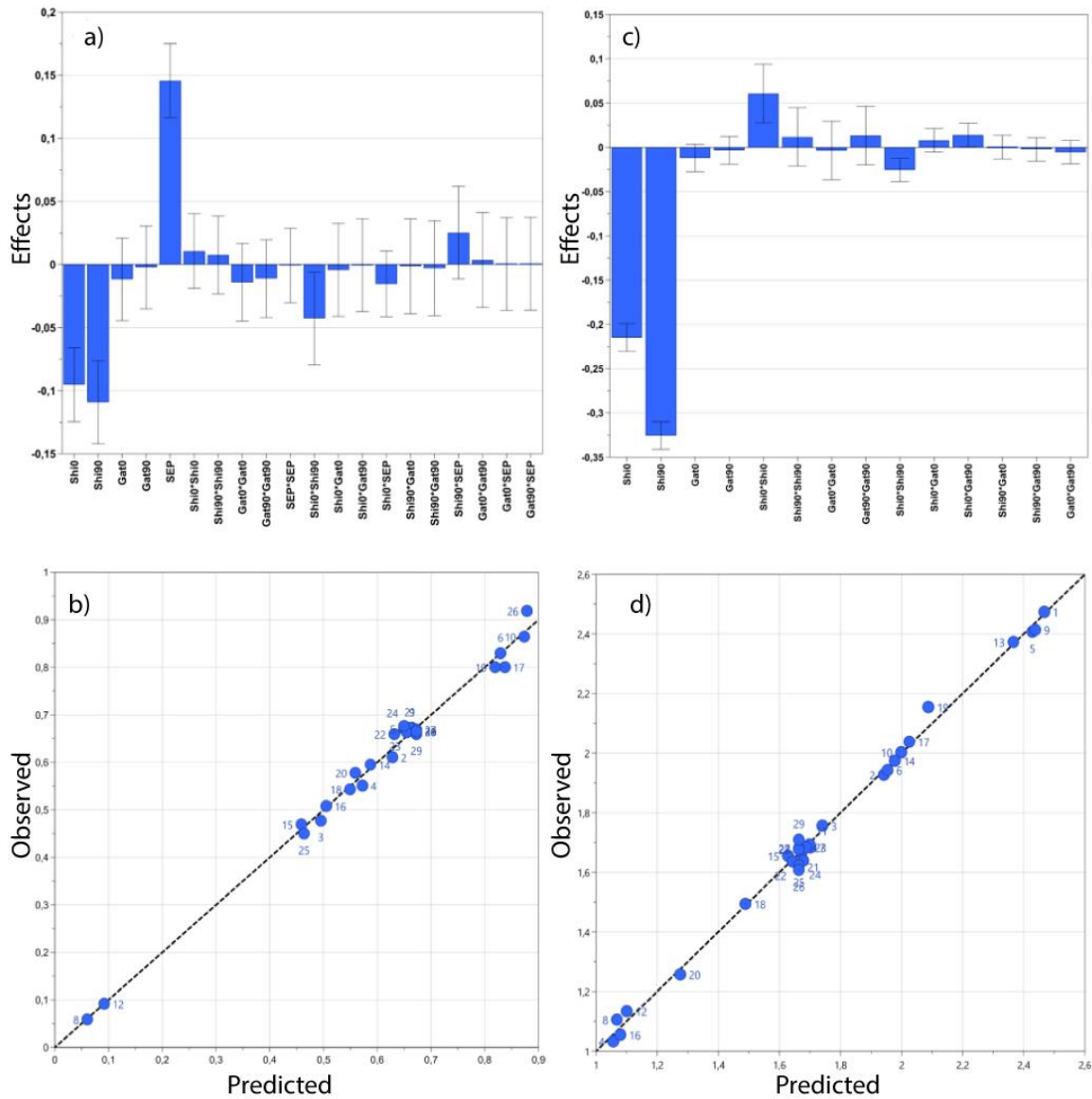


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447 Figure 1: Schematic representation of a dynamically harmonized ICR cell. The cell is
448 divided into four segments representing each adjustable parameter: Segment 1 (in dashed
449 lines) is for shimming and gating 0° , segment 2 (in solid lines) for shimming and gating
450 90° , segment 3 for shimming and gating 180° and segment 4 for shimming and gating 270° .

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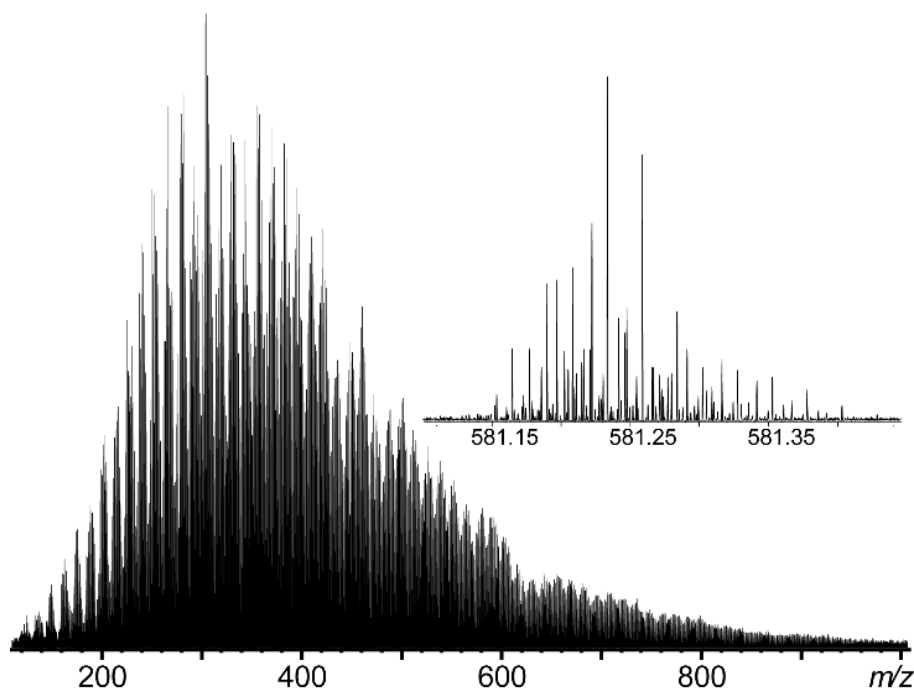


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454 Figure 2: a) Observation of the effects of the different factors on the even harmonic
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 457 effects of the different factors on the second harmonic magnitude for the optimization step,
 458 d) Prediction plot between the predicted and observed values of the second harmonic
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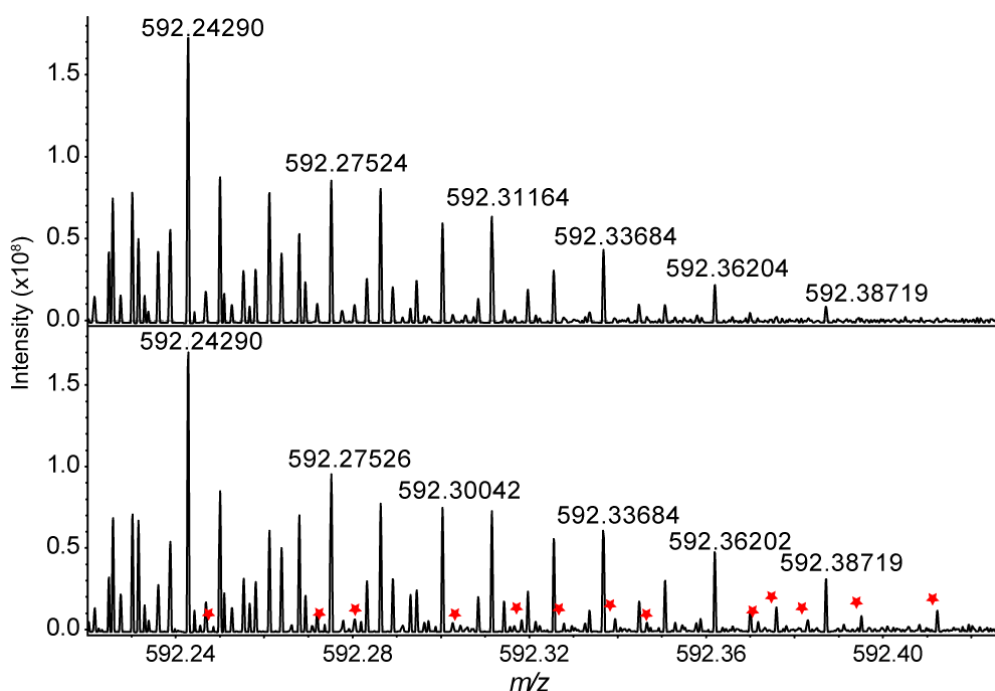
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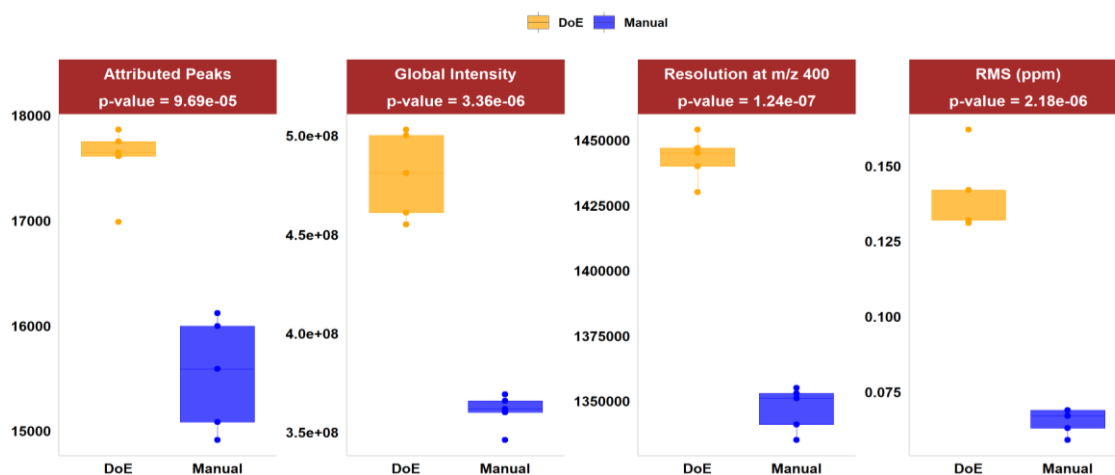
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463 Figure 3: LDI spectrum in positive mode of a tholins sample obtained after deploying the
 464 cell parameter optimized with the DoE approach, revealing more than 50,000 peaks. The
 465 inset visualized a close zoom between m/z 581.15 and m/z 581.40 illustrating the high
 466 isobaric complexity.



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468 Figure 4: (Top) Zoom on the tholins spectrum obtained after a manual optimization
 469 (shimming) of the ICR cell parameters. (Bottom) Tholins spectrum obtained after applying
 470 the parameters given by the DoE optimization. Red dots indicate species found after DoE
 471 optimization and not detected after manual optimization.
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 474 Figure 5: Comparison of attributed peaks, global intensity, resolution and RMS between
 475 the manually optimized spectrum and the DoE spectrum of a tholins sample.
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477 **Table 1: Coded composite face design (CCF) design matrix for experimental**
 478 **screening on NaTFA**

Run N°	Run Order	Shi0	Shi90	Gat0	Gat90	SEP
1	10	-1	-1	-1	-1	1
2	28	1	-1	-1	-1	-1
3	23	-1	1	-1	-1	-1
4	9	1	1	-1	-1	1
5	1	-1	-1	1	-1	-1
6	24	1	-1	1	-1	1
7	20	-1	1	1	-1	1
8	12	1	1	1	-1	-1
9	29	-1	-1	-1	1	-1
10	8	1	-1	-1	1	1
11	6	-1	1	-1	1	1
12	5	1	1	-1	1	-1
13	25	-1	-1	1	1	1
14	16	1	-1	1	1	-1
15	26	-1	1	1	1	-1
16	17	1	1	1	1	1
17	2	-1	0	0	0	0
18	13	1	0	0	0	0
19	15	0	-1	0	0	0
20	19	0	1	0	0	0
21	4	0	0	-1	0	0
22	14	0	0	1	0	0
23	18	0	0	0	-1	0
24	22	0	0	0	1	0
25	3	0	0	0	0	-1
26	7	0	0	0	0	1
27	27	0	0	0	0	0
28	31	0	0	0	0	0
29	30	0	0	0	0	0
30	11	0	0	0	0	0
31	21	0	0	0	0	0

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481 **Table 2: Predicted values for each factor for the screening and optimization**
 482 **step**

483 **Screening step**

Factor	Intervals	Predicted Value	Factor contribution (%)
Shim0	1.465 to 1.535 (V)	1.535V	15.4
Shim90	1.465 to 1.540 (V)	1.540V	33.3
Gat0	1.4 to 1.620 (V)	1.620V	12.6
Gat90	1.450 to 1.550 (V)	1.550V	10.7
Sweep	20 to 40 (%)	20%	28.0

488 **Optimization step**

Factor	Intervals	Predicted Value	Factor contribution (%)
Shim0	1.530 to 1.550 (V)	1.542V	53.1
Shim90	1.530 to 1.550 (V)	1.550V	43.4
Gat0	1.600 to 1.640 (V)	1.600V	1.9
Gat90	1.540 to 1.570 (V)	1.551V	1.7

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 493 **Table 3. Comparison of the mass spectrometric response of the LDI tholins**
 494 **spectra deploying manufacturer default values (before tuning), conventional**
 495 **manual tuning (manual), and parameters given by the DoE optimization**
 496 **method. p-values refers to the comparison between manual Tuning and the**
 497 **DoE strategy. (p-value > 0.05 is considered as significant)**

	DoE (Mean)	Manual (Mean)	p-value	Fold Change
Attributed Peaks	1.76 10 ⁺⁰⁴	1.55 10 ⁺⁰⁴	9.69 10 ⁻⁰⁵	1.13
Global Intensity	4.80 10 ⁺⁰⁸	3.61 10 ⁺⁰⁸	3.36 10 ⁻⁰⁶	1.33
Resolution at m/z 400	1.44 10 ⁺⁰⁶	1.35 10 ⁺⁰⁶	1.24 10 ⁻⁰⁷	1.07
RMS (ppm)	0.140	0.0654	2.18 10 ⁻⁰⁶	2.14

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500 **Supplementary Information for**
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526 step.

Table S-1: Fractional Factorial design matrix with response values the screening step.

Run N°	Run Order	Shim0 (V)	Shim90 (V)	Gat0 (V)	Gat90 (V)	SEP (%)	Second harmonic (%)
1	10	1.465	1.465	1.400	1.450	40	
2	28	1.535	1.465	1.400	1.450	20	4.083
3	23	1.465	1.540	1.400	1.450	20	2.996
4	9	1.535	1.540	1.400	1.450	40	3.558
5	1	1.465	1.465	1.620	1.450	20	4.694
6	24	1.535	1.465	1.620	1.450	40	6.77
7	20	1.465	1.540	1.620	1.450	40	
8	12	1.535	1.540	1.620	1.450	20	1.143
9	29	1.465	1.465	1.400	1.550	20	4.714
10	8	1.535	1.465	1.400	1.550	40	7.312
11	6	1.465	1.540	1.400	1.550	40	
12	5	1.535	1.540	1.400	1.550	20	1.237
13	25	1.465	1.465	1.620	1.550	40	
14	16	1.535	1.465	1.620	1.550	20	3.937
15	26	1.465	1.540	1.620	1.550	20	2.946
16	17	1.535	1.540	1.620	1.550	40	3.228
17	2	1.465	1.503	1.510	1.500	30	6.332
18	13	1.535	1.503	1.510	1.500	30	3.494
19	15	1.500	1.465	1.510	1.500	30	6.305
20	19	1.500	1.540	1.510	1.500	30	3.788
21	4	1.500	1.503	1.400	1.500	30	4.716
22	14	1.500	1.503	1.620	1.500	30	4.56
23	18	1.500	1.503	1.510	1.450	30	4.599
24	22	1.500	1.503	1.510	1.550	30	4.747
25	3	1.500	1.503	1.510	1.500	20	2.819
26	7	1.500	1.503	1.510	1.500	40	8.281
27	27	1.500	1.503	1.510	1.500	30	4.659
28	31	1.500	1.503	1.510	1.500	30	4.627
29	30	1.500	1.503	1.510	1.500	30	4.567
30	11	1.500	1.503	1.510	1.500	30	4.629
31	21	1.500	1.503	1.510	1.500	30	4.624

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Table S-2: Fractional Factorial design matrix with response values for the optimization step.

Run N°	Run Order	Shim0 (V)	Shim90 (V)	Gat0 (V)	Gat90 (V)	Second harmonic (%)
1	27	1.530	1.530	1.600	1.540	2.475
2	2	1.550	1.530	1.600	1.540	1.928
3	20	1.530	1.550	1.600	1.540	1.757
4	4	1.550	1.550	1.600	1.540	1.033
5	5	1.530	1.530	1.640	1.540	2.407
6	23	1.550	1.530	1.640	1.540	1.942
7	12	1.530	1.550	1.640	1.540	1.684
8	24	1.550	1.550	1.640	1.540	1.107
9	19	1.530	1.530	1.600	1.570	2.414
10	6	1.550	1.530	1.600	1.570	2.003
11	26	1.530	1.550	1.600	1.570	1.693
12	3	1.550	1.550	1.600	1.570	1.135
13	1	1.530	1.530	1.640	1.570	2.373
14	11	1.550	1.530	1.640	1.570	1.975
15	28	1.530	1.550	1.640	1.570	1.654
16	29	1.550	1.550	1.640	1.570	1.054
17	17	1.530	1.540	1.620	1.555	2.039
18	18	1.550	1.540	1.620	1.555	1.493
19	8	1.540	1.530	1.620	1.555	2.156
20	10	1.540	1.550	1.620	1.555	1.256
21	21	1.540	1.540	1.600	1.555	1.665
22	22	1.540	1.540	1.640	1.555	1.637
23	16	1.540	1.540	1.620	1.540	1.684
24	15	1.540	1.540	1.620	1.570	1.639
25	25	1.540	1.540	1.620	1.555	1.623
26	14	1.540	1.540	1.620	1.555	1.608
27	13	1.540	1.540	1.620	1.555	1.682
28	7	1.540	1.540	1.620	1.555	1.676
29	9	1.540	1.540	1.620	1.555	1.708

Table S-3: PLS model regression coefficients generated by the screening step.

Second harmonic

	Coeff. SC	Std. Err.	P
Shim0	-0.08870	0.01303	0.00049
Shim90	-0.11241	0.01455	0.00025
Gat0	-0.00704	0.01455	0.64563
Gat90	0.00193	0.01455	0.89872
SEP	0.14123	0.01303	0.00004
Shi0*Shi0	-0.00072	0.01310	0.95773
Shi90*Shi90	0.00442	0.01369	0.75791
Gat0*Gat0	-0.01040	0.01368	0.47577
Gat90*Gat90	-0.00789	0.01368	0.58525
SEP*SEP	0.00569	0.01310	0.67912
Shi0*Shi90	-0.04575	0.01633	0.03106
Shi0*Gat0	-0.00388	0.01633	0.81987
Shi0*Gat90	-0.00052	0.01633	0.97560
Shi0*SEP	-0.01725	0.01162	0.18826
Shi90*Gat0	-0.00212	0.01669	0.90321
Shi90*Gat90	-0.00107	0.01669	0.95099
Shi90*SEP	0.03057	0.01633	0.11029
Gat0*Gat90	0.00019	0.01668	0.99123
Gat0*SEP	-0.00032	0.01633	0.98493
Gat90*SEP	0.00031	0.01633	0.98555

N = 27	Q2 = 0.628		
DF = 6	R2 = 0.991	RSD =	0.03919
Comp. = 4	R2 adj. = 0.959	Confidence =	0.95

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Table S-4: ANOVA test results of the PLS model generated by the screening step.

Second harmonic

	DF	SS	MS (variance)	F	p
Total	27	11.0417	0.40895		
Total corrected	26	0.972344	0.0373979		
Regression	20	0.96313	0.0481565	31.3577	0
Residual	6	0.00921428	0.00153571		

N = 27	Q2 = 0.628	Cond. no. =	12.05
DF = 6	R2 = 0.991	RSD =	0.03919
Comp. = 4	R2 adj. = 0.959		

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Table S-5: PLS model regression coefficients generated by the optimization step.

Second harmonic			
	Coeff. SC	Std. Err.	P
Constant	1,66208	0,0126069	4,58E-23
Shim0	-0,214759	0,0072904	5,37E-14
Shim90	-0,325479	0,00729039	1,69E-16
Gat0	-0,0120755	0,0072904	0,119882
Gat90	-0,00339587	0,0072904	0,648523
Shi0*Shi0	0,0608795	0,0154223	0,00145892
Shi90*Shi90	0,0117455	0,0154223	0,458943
Gat0*Gat0	-0,00371134	0,0154223	0,813317
Gat90*Gat90	0,0132228	0,0154223	0,405672
Shi0*Shi90	-0,0255319	0,00619991	0,00104456
Shi0*Gat0	0,00798444	0,0061999	0,218685
Shi0*Gat90	0,0138399	0,0061999	0,0424476
Shi90*Gat0	0,000118387	0,0061999	0,985034
Shi90*Gat90	-0,0022854	0,0061999	0,717926
Gat0*Gat90	-0,00542158	0,0061999	0,39662
N = 29	Q2 = 0,889		
DF = 14	R2 = 0,995		RSD = 0,03858
Comp. = 5	R2 adj. = 0,991		Confidence = 0,95

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Table S-6: ANOVA test results of the PLS model generated by the optimization step.

Second harmonic					
	DF	SS	MS (variance)	F	p
Total	29	92,3573	3,18473		
Total corrected	28	4,41765	0,157773		
Regression	14	4,39681	0,314058	211,033	0
Residual	14	0,0208347	0,00148819		
	N = 29	Q2 = 0,889		Cond. no. =	6,106
	DF = 14	R2 = 0,995		RSD =	0,03858
	Comp. = 5	R2 adj. = 0,991			

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538 **Table S-7: Attribution of new peaks detected after the DoE optimization**

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Measured <i>m/z</i>	Molecular formula	Err. (ppm)
592.24866	C25H30N13O5	0.13
592.27374	C26H32N13O3 ¹⁸ O	-0.04
592.28203	C27H35N10O5 ¹³ C	-0.05
592.31836	C38H38N7	-0.06
592.32791	C19H41N14O7 ¹⁵ N	-0.14
592.33949	C25H43N10O6 ¹³ C	0.03
592.34673	C19H43N14O7 ¹³ C	-0.01
592.37013	C33H43N10 ¹³ C	-0.11
592.37597	C26H47N10O5 ¹³ C	-0.12
592.38314	C30H46N11O2	-0.17
592.39528	C35H47N8 ¹³ C	-0.17
592.41238	C37H50N7	-0.11