# Yale's open facility on ion mobility spectrometry/mass spectrometry (IMS-MS)

For mass resolved structural studies in the gas phase

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Gift from companies Sciex and SEADM: Located at the Keck Foundation (School of Medicine)

https://www.eng.yale.edu/DMAMSfacility/index.html#open

The differential mobility analyzer (DMA) operates at atmospheric pressure



## Nanodrops of ionic liquids



DMA-MS spectrum for electrosprayed nanodrops of the ionic liquid EMI-Methide. Each short horizontal segments is a peak for a pure species (n anions and n+z cations). The color scale represents particle abundance. The peaks group into broad bands with fixed charge states z (indicated), yielding mobility versus m and z, and size distributions for the various charge states. The groups of vertically displaced lines for z=1 nanodrops are due to single neutral molecule evaporation events following the DMA, greatly enhanced by the Kelvin effect (adapted from Hogan and Fernandez de la Mora, Phys. Chem. Chem. Phys., 2009, 11, 8079-8090.





#### **Proteins and protein complexes**







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### TANDEM DMA STUDIES

Placing two DMAs in tandem (i.e. substitute the mass spectrometer by a DMA and perform the tandem analysis fully at atmospheric pressure



Investigation on the evaporation of cluster ions from ionic liquids

#### FINAL SLIDE

#### What can you offer to the Yale instrumentation community.

The instrument is operational at the Keck Foundation at the Yale School of medicine.

The facility is open for anyone to use as long as we can keep it running. It has produced 16 publications, most involving visitors

#### Critical needs:

The DMA-MS facility has not been used for over 1 year, due to lack of external funding. It would be nice to get it back into a productive mode to secure the space it is using at Keck

#### How could the Yale instrumentation initiative help

By creating a more positive mentality regarding collaborations with industrial partners, including companies related to the faculty.

A way to start would be to reduce the number of internal Yale obstacles in the path to these collaborations

The dialogue between individual Yale instrument developers and the administration would be greatly facilitated if there was an administration appointed faculty/researcher through whom the many problems faced by Yale instrument developers could be heard and addressed with agility.