Predicant Biosciences

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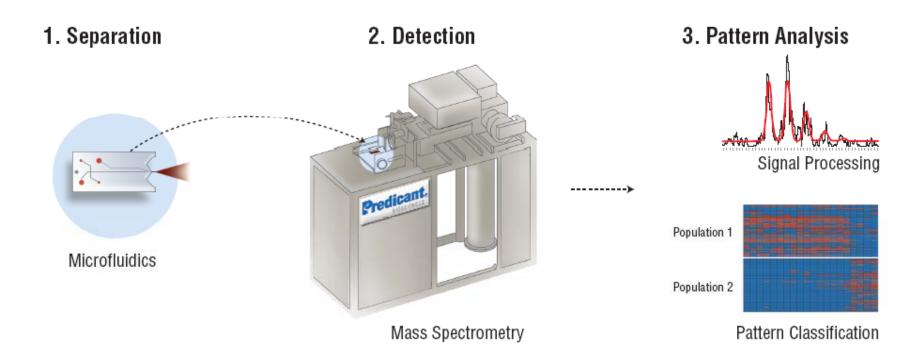


Who is Predicant?

Predicant Biosciences is a venture funded life sciences company based in South San Francisco that has developed an integrated platform for identifying and assaying protein biomarkers for clinical diagnostic use.



Integrated Discovery and Assay System



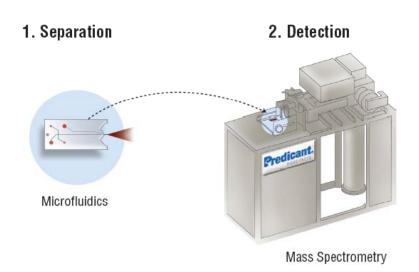
- Intact small proteins
- •Proteome + Metabolome
- Disposable plastic chip
- •Fast separations

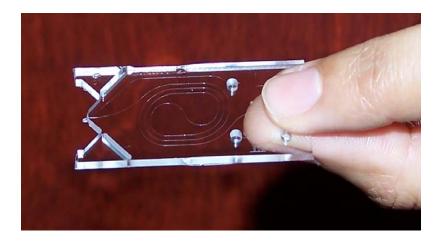
- High resolution
- High sensitivity
- •High mass accuracy
- •High reproducibility/stability
- Interface optimized for chip

- •Reproducible
- Designed for our platform
- Statistically based
- Subsequent protein ID



Microfluidic Chip CE-ESI-MS





- Rapid electrophoretic separations (~12 minutes)
- Voltage driven injection and separations provide reproducibility and reliability
- Reproducible electrokinetic sample injection; low sample volume
- Recessed tip minimizes biohazard and fragility
- Single-use, plastic disposable no carryover
- Separation channel coated to provide EOF and eliminate sample adsorption
- Integrated injection, separation, spray eliminate connections to give high reliability and reproducibility
- Multiple channels open onto the tip to provide electrical contact through solution rather than a tip electrode



Microfluidic/CE Intellectual Property

• 3 Issued/Allowed Patents:

 Microfluidic devices and methods for using devices containing protected ESI tips formed from the laminate layer with multiple channels that converge on the tip enabling electrical contact

• 7 Additional Patent Applications filed:

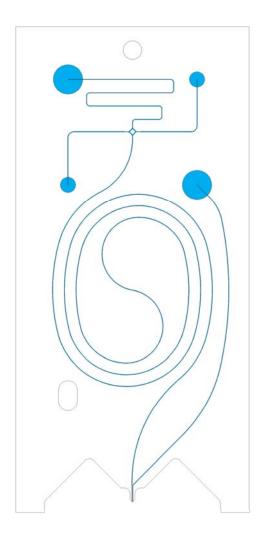
 Covering alternate injection designs, surface coatings, fluid guiding features on the tip, electrical contact methods, and optimized designs for injection molded devices

• Licenses from:

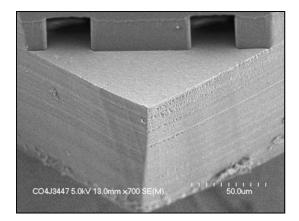
- Caliper: entire microfluidic patent portfolio for use in mass spec based biomarker discovery (non-exclusive).
- Cornell: two patent applications covering microfluidic tips for electrospray ionization (Craighead) (exclusive)
- Northeastern: one patent covering introduction of analytes from a microfluidic chip into a mass spectrometer (Karger) (non-exclusive)

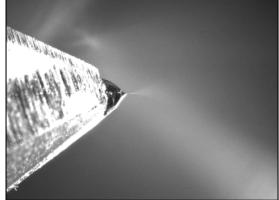


Channel and Tip Design



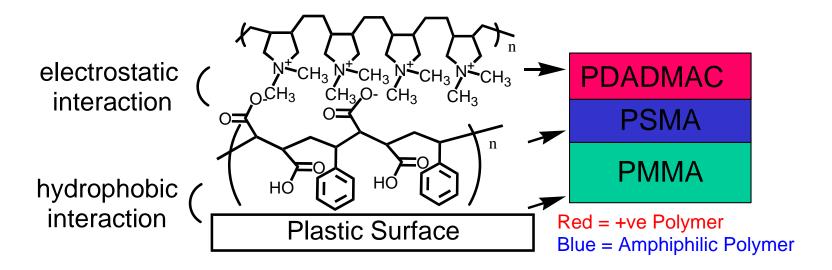
- Diamond Injector
 - Accurate sample injection
- Separation channel
 - Positively coated, electro-osmotic flow,
 100 nL/min
- Side Channel
 - Electrical contact channel
 - Uncoated
- Spray voltage determined by voltage divider between right and left channels







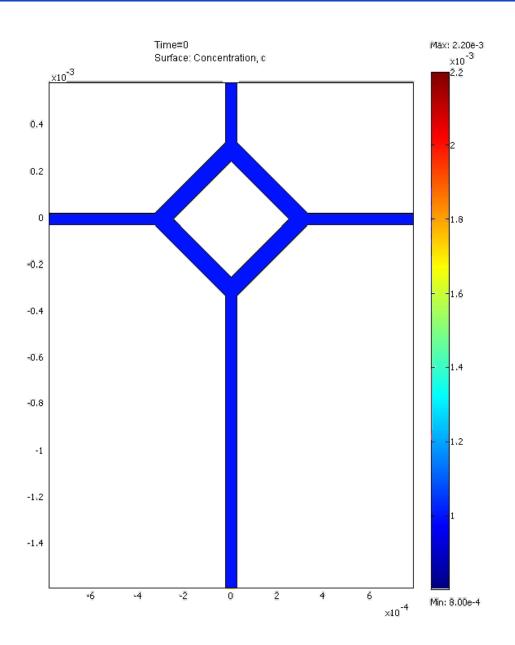
Microfluidic Channel Surface Coatings



- Simple coating process creating highly positive coating on channel surfaces at extremes of pH ranges
- Based on polymeric bilayer
 - Hydrophobic interaction to plastic chip
 - Electrostatic interaction between layer
- Stable to 50% organics, extreme pH and dry storage



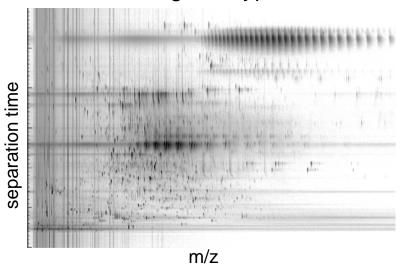
Diamond Injector for Sample Injection



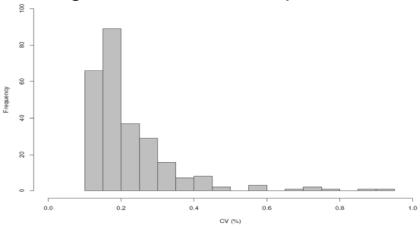


Reproducibility and Sensitivity

2D-Gel Like Image of Typical Dataset



Histogram of Serum Component CVs



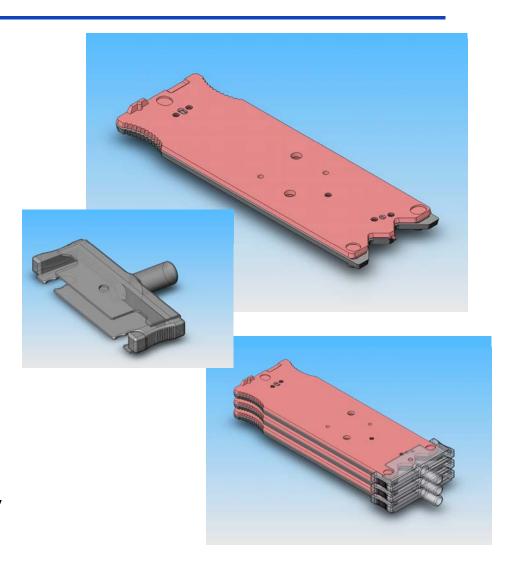
- N = 47 over 6 days
- CVs of serum components
 - 18% median, 25%
 average based on 300
 serum components
 observed across all
 experiments
 - No trends observed
- Sensitivity
 - 2420 +/- 6% components observed
- Quantitative dynamic range
 - Over 3 orders of magnitude



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Path to Commercialization

- Plastic for disposability
- Injection molded and compression bonded
 - Partnered with Weidmann Plastics
 - Part design complete, ready for tooling design
- Designed for manual or automated handling
 - Size of standard microscope slide (75x25 mm)
 - Features included to enable stacking chips
- Injection molded cap for ease of shipping, coating and assay
- < \$5/chip in modest volume



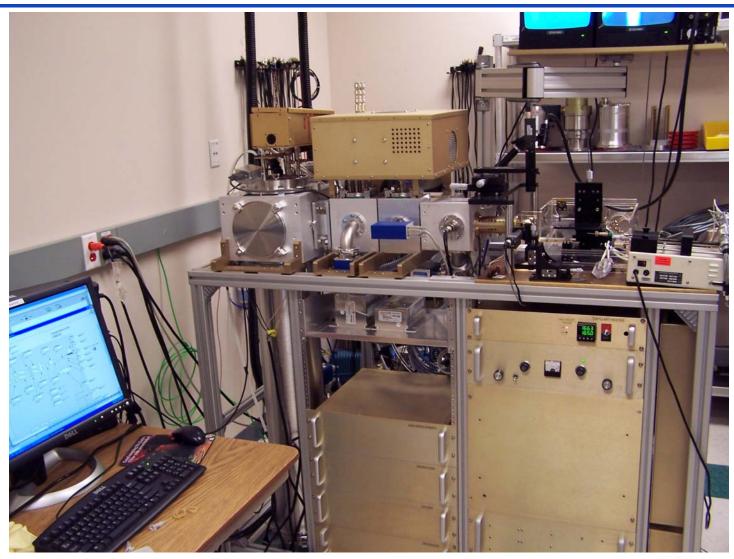


Current Chip Status

- Pilot manufacturing line exists at Predicant for compression molding, laminating, coating, and final inspection of chips.
- Current capacity is 5K/mo.
- We have used ~10K of these chips for discovery and validation studies.



ESI Orthogonal Time-of-Flight MS



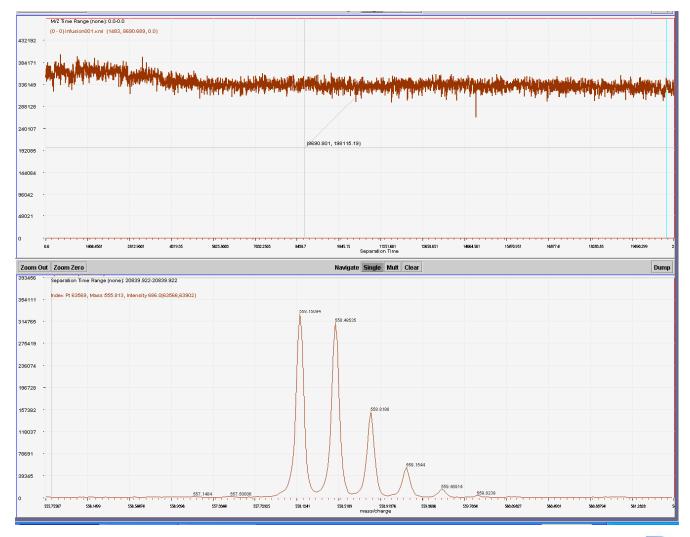


Instrument Specifications

- Sensitivity
 - Sub-nanomolar (< fmol/uL)
- Mass Range
 - 200-5000 Da
- Resolution
 - 8K for Neurotensin 3+ (m/z 558) @ 2Ghz
- Mass accuracy
 - < 5ppm in internal calibration mode</p>
- Dynamic Range
 - -10^{4}
- Stability
 - Intensity/resolution CVs < 3% for 6 hr infusion



Instrument Stability: 6hr. Infusion of 500nM neurotensin



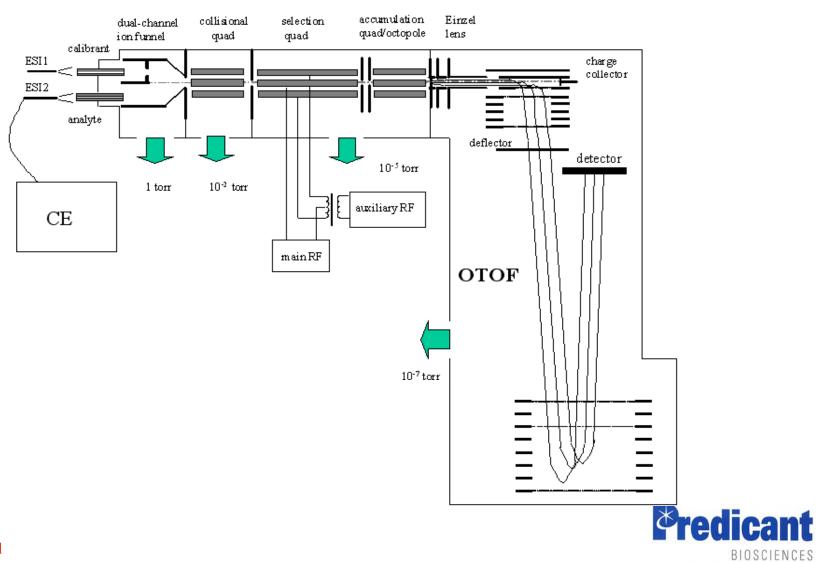


Instrument Features

- Two spatially separated ESI sources
 - independent introduction of analytes and internal calibrants
- Dual channel electrodynamic ion funnel
- 2Ghz 8-bit acquisition system
- 40mm bipolar detector
- Proprietary quadrupole RF drive
- Spray visualization system
- Real-time software logging of all instrument parameters



Instrument Block Diagram



Instrument Advanced Features

Mass Selection

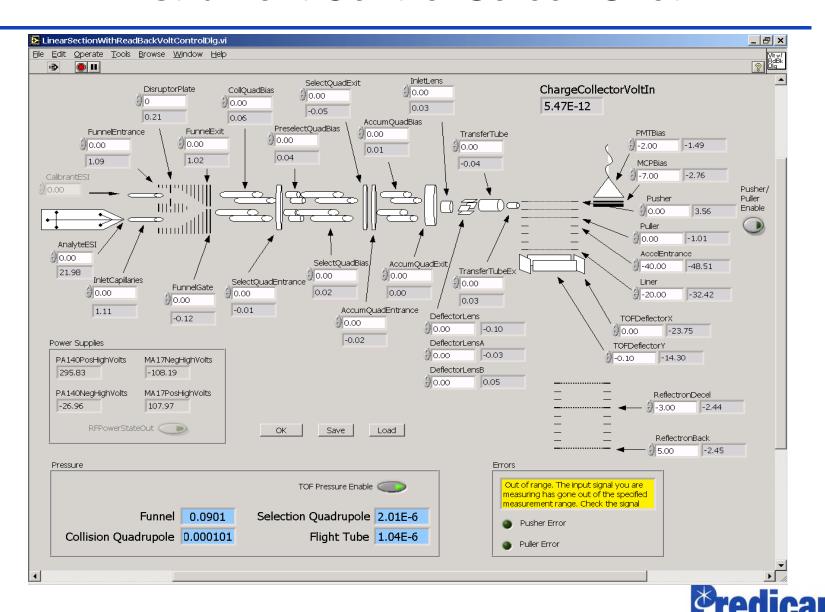
- Data dependent ion selection based on resonant excitation and ejection for improved sensitivity and dynamic range.
- Arbitrary filter structure with resolution 300

Trapping

 Linear ion trap to accumulate data dependently selected ions for increased sensitivity and dynamic range

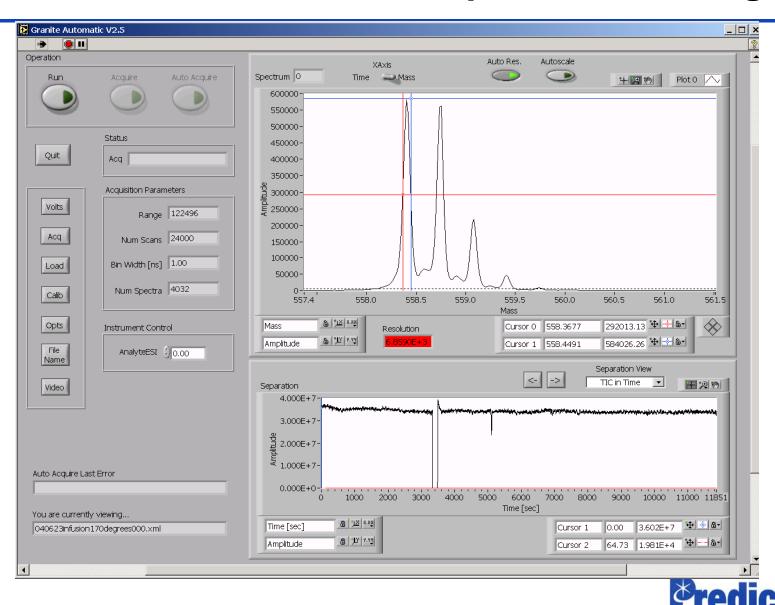


Instrument Control Screen Shot



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Instrument Control SW – Spectrum Viewing



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Predicant Reference Lab





Instrument Physical and Cost

- No external gasses or water required
- 120V only
- Material cost: ~\$120K in prototype qtys
 - Major cost items:
 - Turbopumps (2) and backing pumps (3)
 - 40mm bipolar detector
 - 2 Ghz 8-bit ADC acquisition PCI board
 - National Instruments Fieldpoint control modules



Mass Spectrometry IP

Patents

- Multiplexed Orthogonal Time-of-Flight Mass Spectrometer (US 6,900,431)
- A-Priori Biomarker Knowledge Based Mass Filtering for Enhanced Biomarker Detection (US 6,958,473)
- Pending Patents:
 - Scan Pipelining for Sensitivity Improvement of Orthogonal Time-of-Flight Mass Spectrometers
 - Field Termination Grid in the Ion Extraction Region of an Orthogonal Time of Flight Mass Spectrometer

Licenses

- Non-exclusive license to ion funnel (PNNL)
- Non-exclusive license to dual ion funnel (PNNL)
 - But exclusive for TOF
- Exclusive license to DREAMS (PNNL) for TOF
- Rights to transfer all of the above licenses (with some restrictions)



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