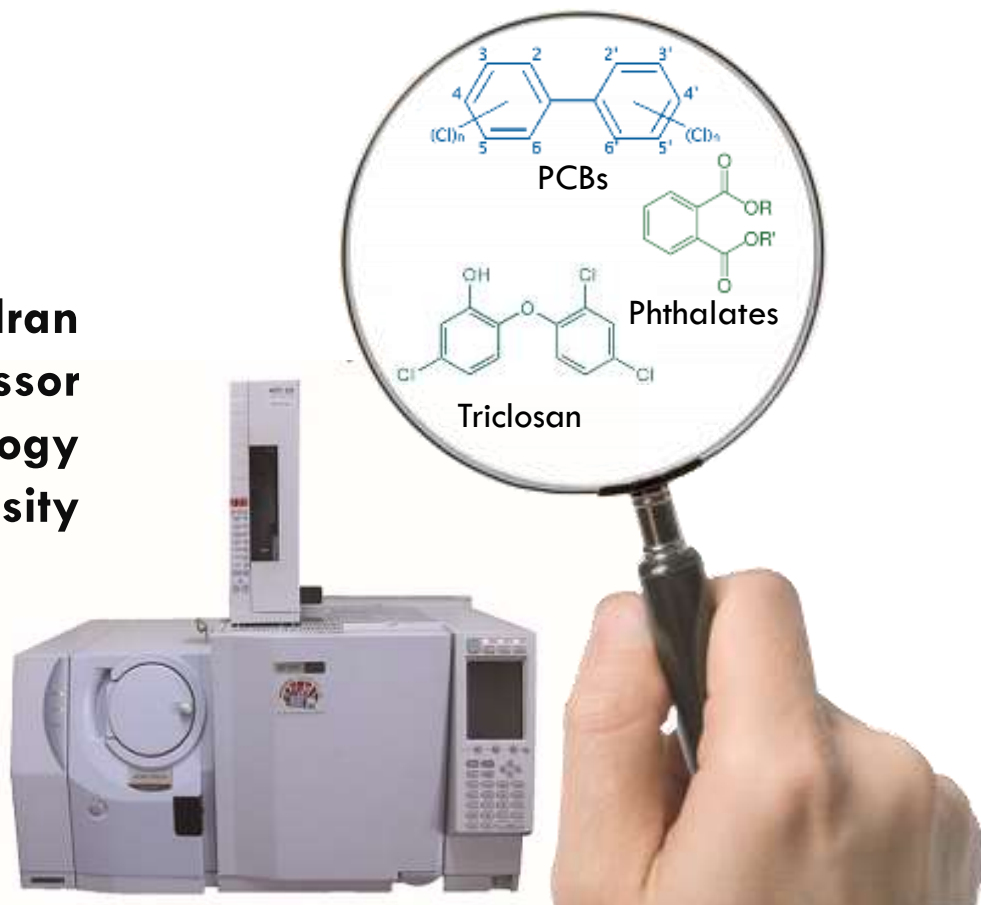


# FUNDAMENTALS OF GC/MS ANALYSIS

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# PURPOSE OF GC/MS ANALYSIS

## Qualitative analysis

- What components ?
- What compounds ?

## Quantitative analysis

- How much of the component ?
- What an amount of the component ?

Target:  
Organic compounds

# CHROMATOGRAPHY

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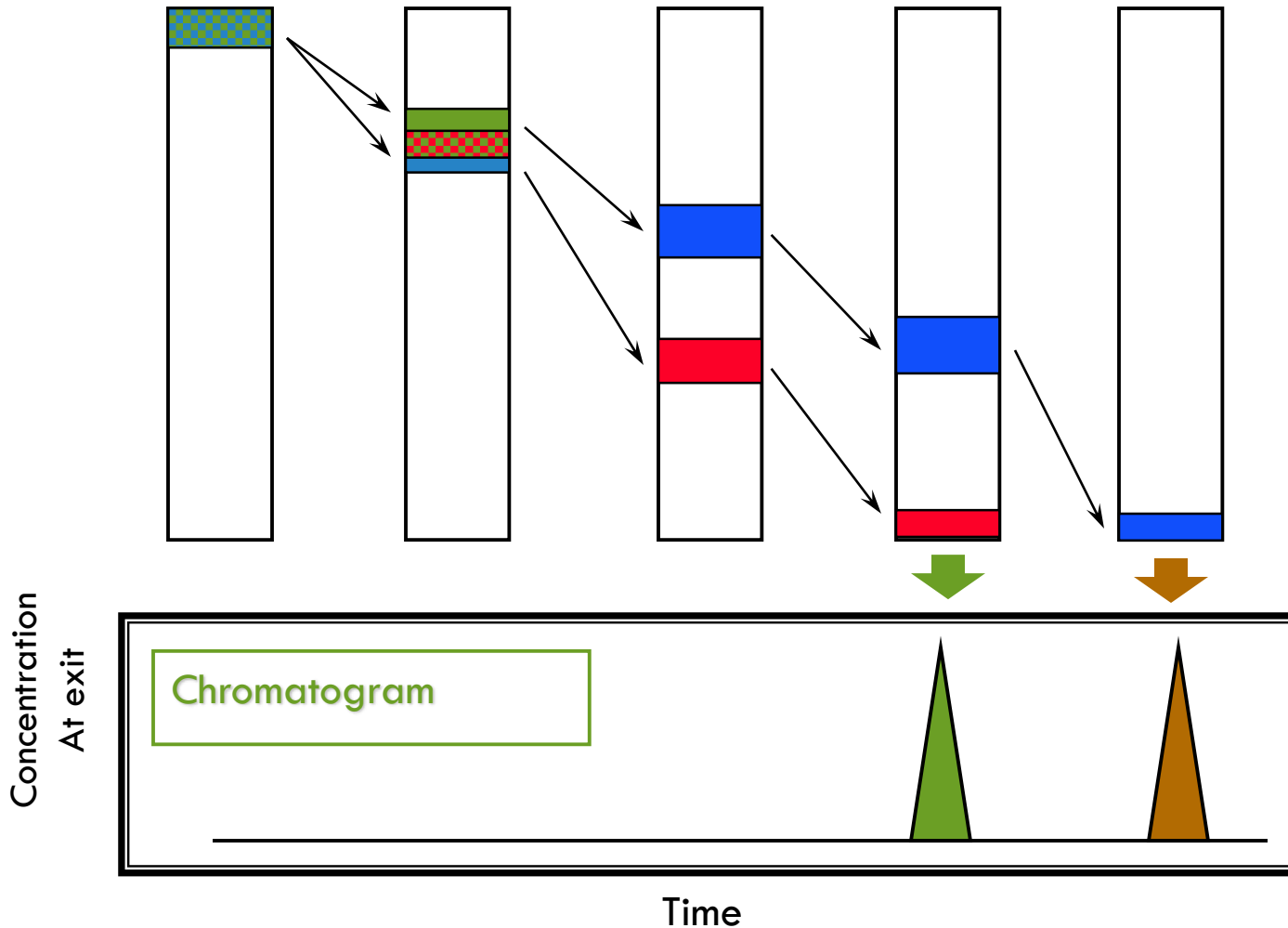
Chromatography : Analytical method

Chromatograph : Instrument

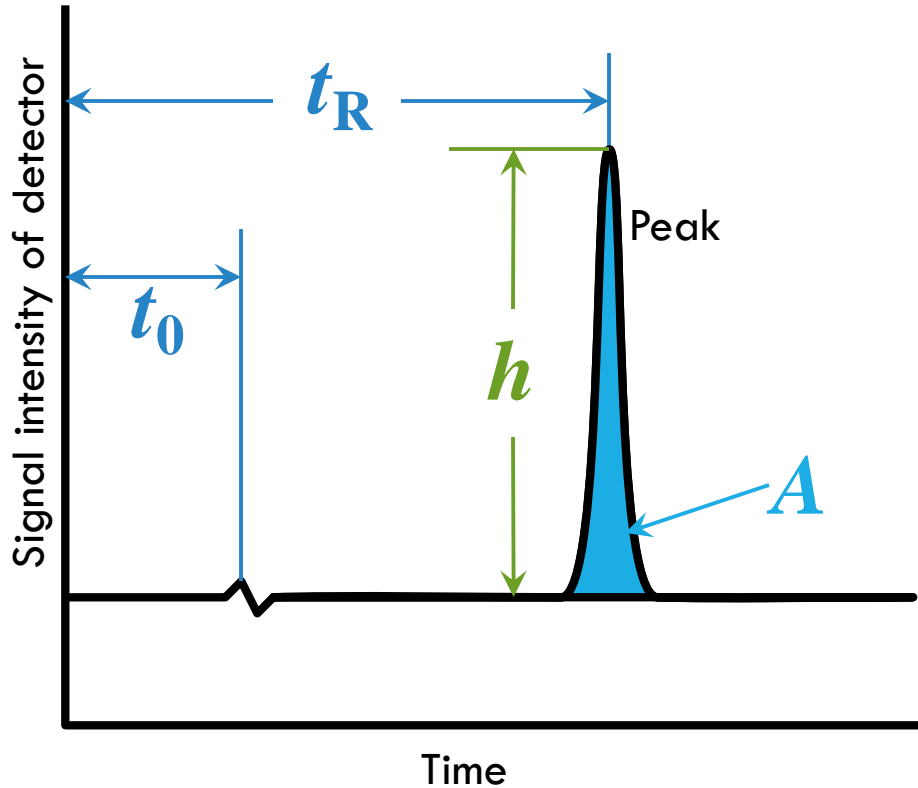
Chromatogram : Obtained “picture”

Chromatographer : Analyst

# COLUMN-CHROMATOGRAPHY: SEPARATING PROCESS AND CHROMATOGRAM



# CHROMATOGRAM



$t_R$  : Retention Time

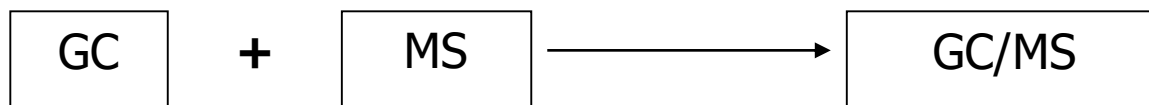
$t_0$  : Dead Time of Column

$A$  : Peak Area

$h$  : Peak Height

# WHAT IS GC/MS ?

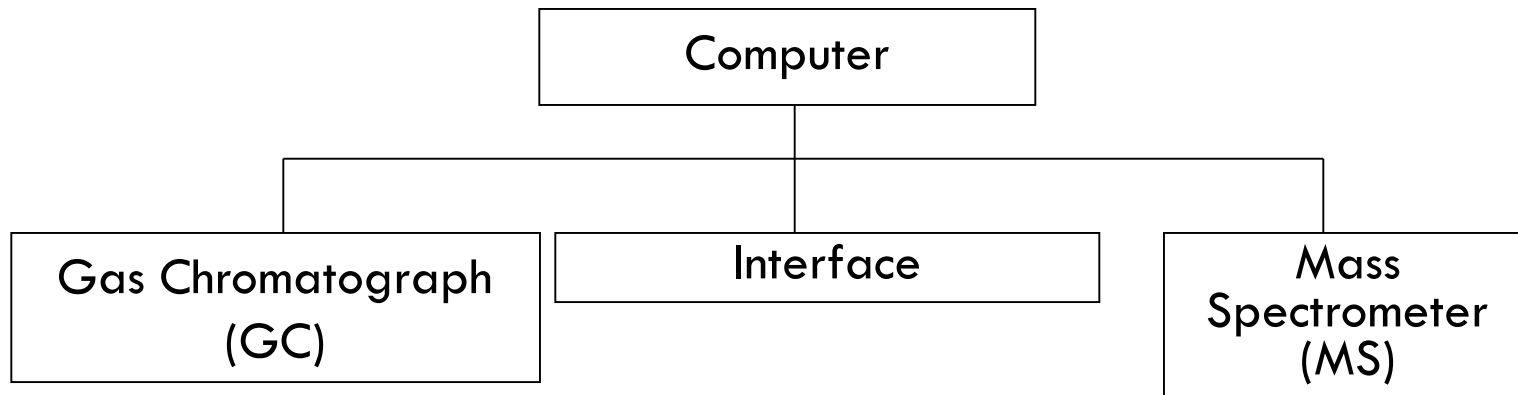
Composite instrument made up of GC and MS



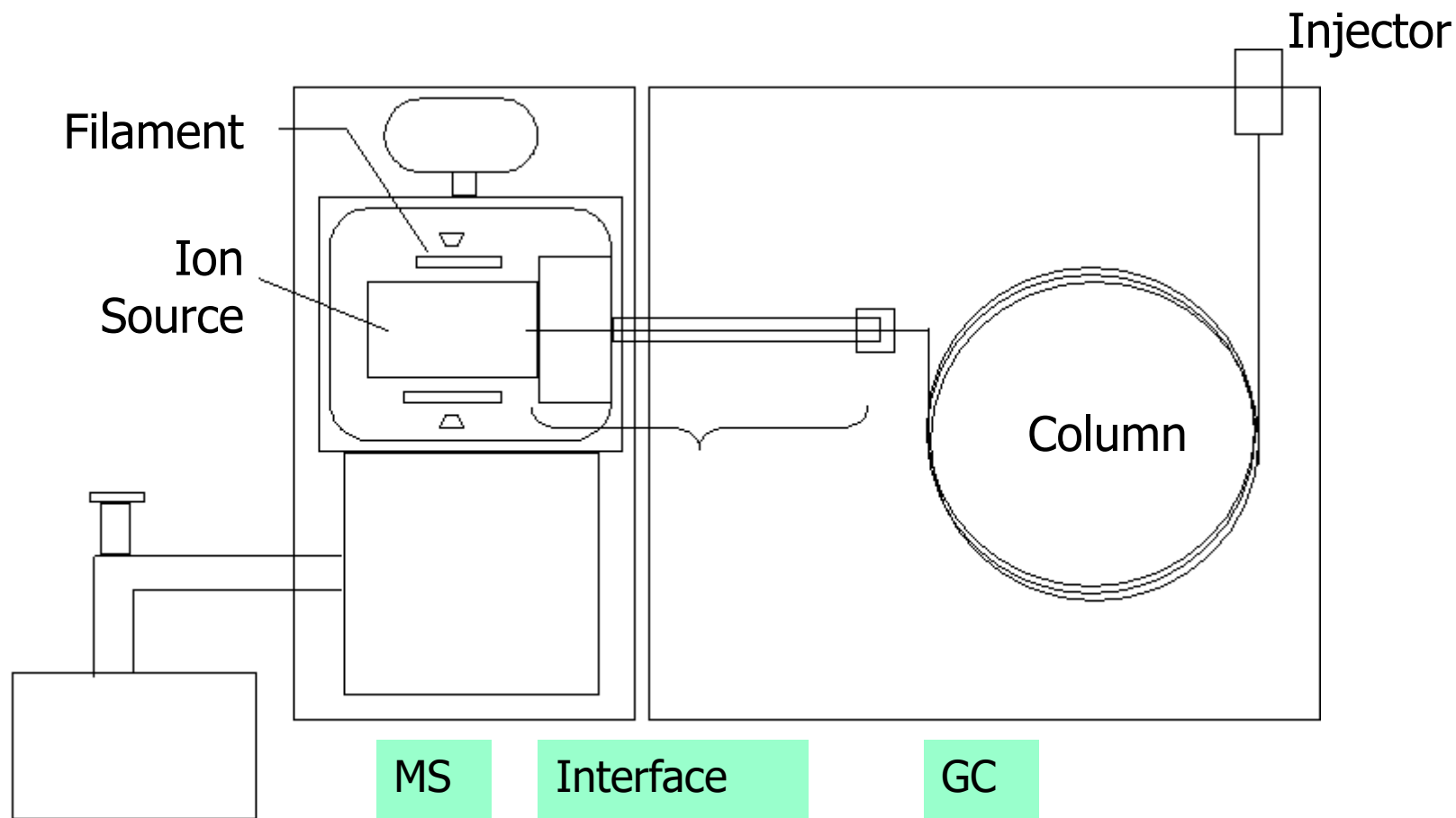
- GC is superior in separating of multi-components.
- GC is not good at identifying peak components.
- MS allows identification from mass spectrum.
- GC/MS is a composite instrument having the good points of GC and MS.
- SIM method of GC/MS allows accurate quantitation.

|                | GC        | MS        | GC/MS     |
|----------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Separation     | Very Good | Normal    | Very Good |
| Identification | Not Good  | Very Good | Very Good |
| Quantitation   | Very Good | Good      | Very Good |

# STRUCTURE OF GC/MS



# SCHEMATIC DIAGRAM OF GC/MS





# MASS SPECTROMETER

- Ionization Part

Ionizes sample molecules in vacuum

- Mass Separation part

Separates ions according to their masses

- Ion Detection Part

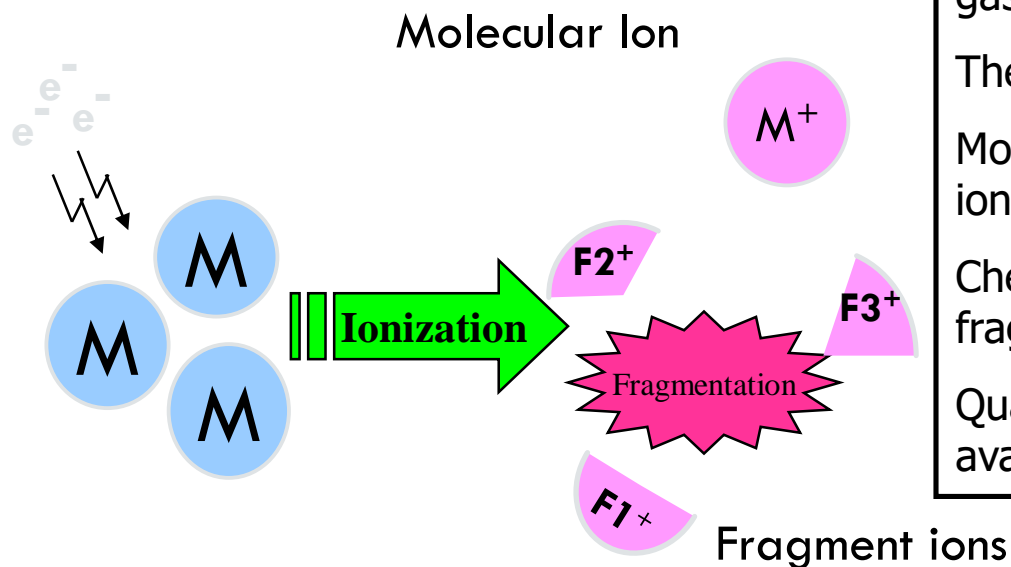
Detects ions

Ionization - Ion Separation - Ion Detection



High Vacuum

# IONIZATION WITH EI (ELECTRON IONIZATION)



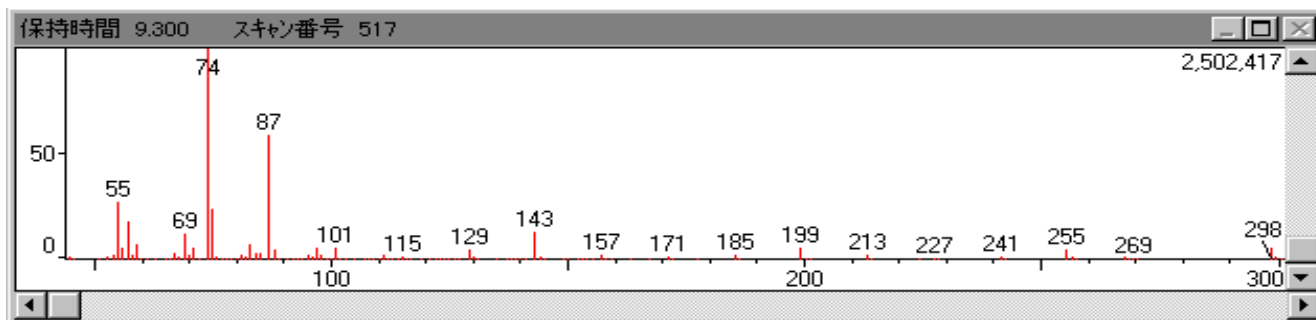
Thermal electrons emitted from filament hit gaseous molecules.

The molecules are ionized.

Molecular weight is deduced from molecular ion

Chemical structure is deduced from fragment ions.

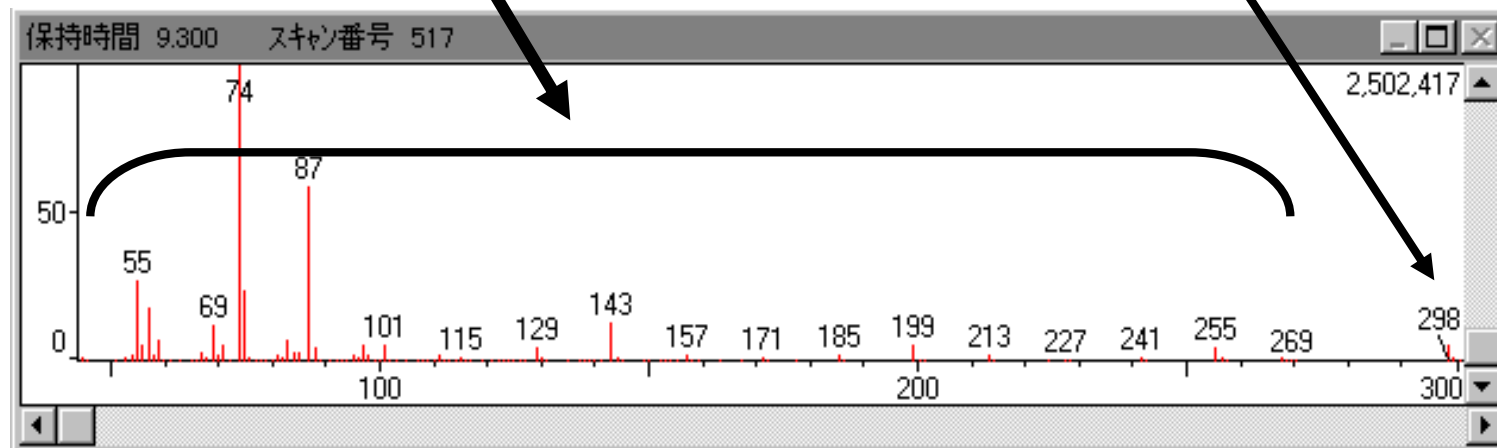
Qualitative and quantitative analyses are available.



# MASS SPECTRUM

Fragment Ions (chemical structure)

Molecular Ion (molecular weight)



# DATA ACQUISITION MODE OF GC/MS

- SCAN

Acquires mass spectra in sequence at constant intervals (eg 0.5 sec) .

All acquired mass spectra are stored in PC.

Investigation of data on PC (TIC, mass spectrum, MC etc.).

Qualitative analysis / Quantitative analysis.

- SIM

Detection of specific masses.

Quantitative analysis.

# MASS SPECTRUM

(3) Fragment ion peak (determination of chemical structure)

(1) Molecular ion peak (determination of molecular weight)

(2) Isotope ion peak (estimation of element)

