



# MS imaging of an industrial material using blotting method

MS imaging is also effective in analyzing industrial materials. For example, it can be used in quality inspections to analyze stains or foreign materials on a product after manufacturing or processing. However, some materials may be difficult to place into a mass spectrometer because they cannot be cut into thin slices or very small sizes. In this paper, the DIUTHAME blotting method was used to perform MS imaging of stains on a glass surface.



▲ A13331-18-2B (For blotting)

### Measurement conditions

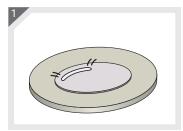
Measurement mode: Laser pitch 50 µm

Positive ion, reflectron mode

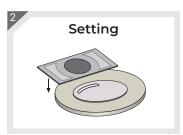
Sample: Glass ( $\phi$  50 mm X 15 mm thick)

Extraction solvent: HCl, 1M: Acetonitrile = 1:1

### Method



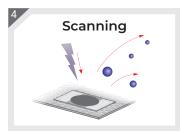
White stains appeared on an industrial material.



Place the DIUTHAME on the stained area.



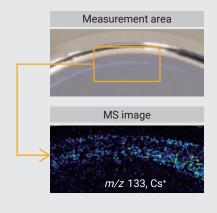
Add 1  $\mu$ L of extraction solvent onto the DIUTHAME to transfer the stain's ingredients.

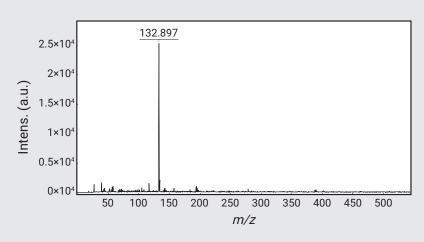


After drying the solvent, set the DIUTHAME on the measurement plate and start MS imaging.

## Results

The MS imaging results are shown below. Using the DIUTHAME blotting method, the white stain's ingredient was identified. These results suggest that the combination of solvent extraction and DIUTHAME blotting can be used for surface analysis of industrial materials.





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