

mzStudio Tutorial (version 1.2.4)

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I. mzStudio: Installation

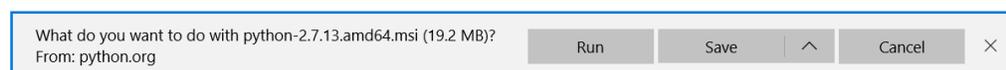
Installation - overview:

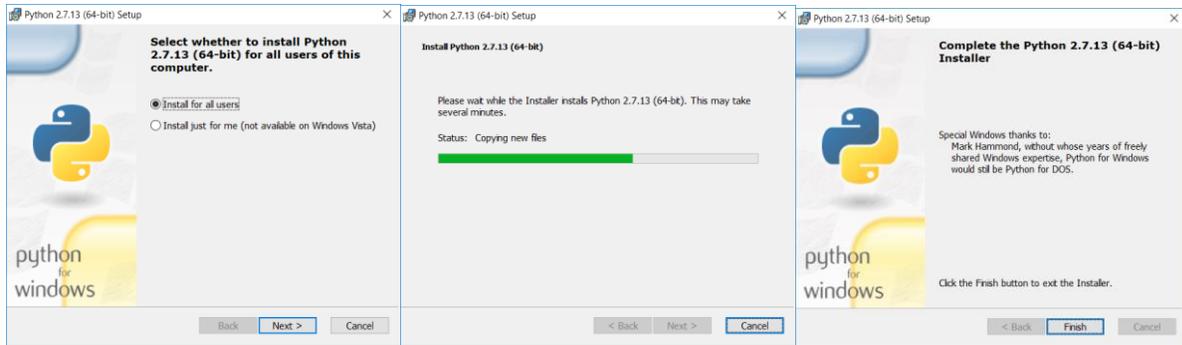
- 1- Install **Python 2.7 64-bit** from <https://www.python.org/ftp/python/2.7.13/python-2.7.13.amd64.msi>
- 2- Install **.NET** from <http://www.microsoft.com/en-us/download/details.aspx?id=17718>
- 3- Install **wxPython3.0-win64-3.0.2.0-py27.exe** (WX version 3.0.2.0 for 64-bit Python 2.7); download from <https://sourceforge.net/projects/wxpython/files/wxPython/3.0.2.0/wxPython3.0-win64-3.0.2.0-py27.exe/download>
- 4- Install **multiplierz** via pip: from command line, run "c:\python27\scripts\pip install multiplierz --upgrade".
- 5- Download **mzStudio** (zip) from <https://github.com/BlaisProteomics/mzStudio>, extract zipped files and run! The first time you run the program, it will ask if you'd like to configure the interfaces to vendor raw data files. Click Yes. Then type 'Y' in the console when prompted to install MSFileReader. After this, mzStudio will launch!

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Detailed Installation Guide:

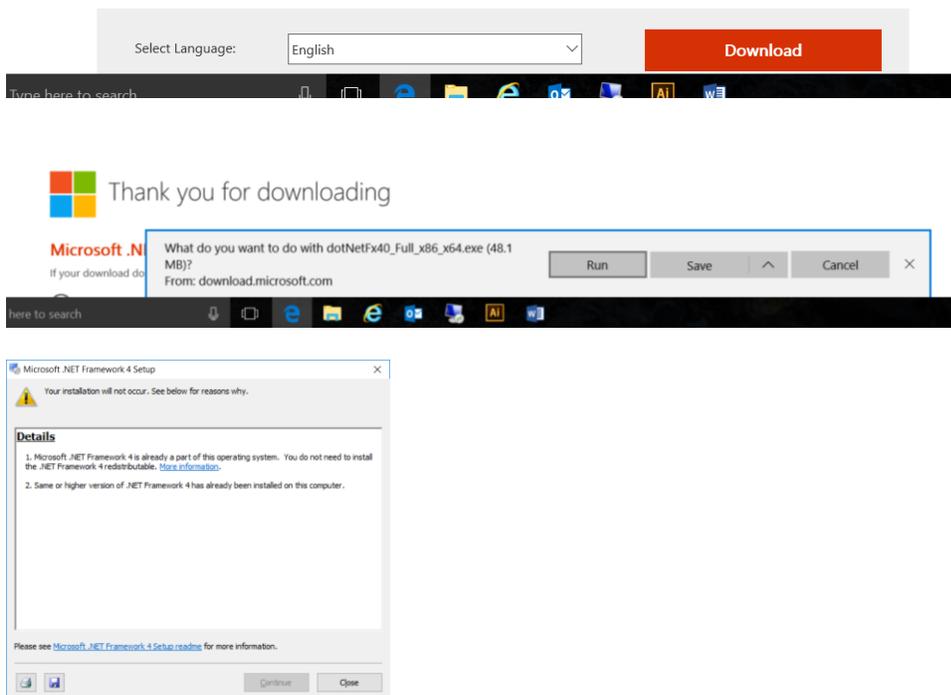
- 1- Install Python 2.7 64-bit** from <https://www.python.org/ftp/python/2.7.13/python-2.7.13.amd64.msi>





2- Install .NET from <http://www.microsoft.com/en-us/download/details.aspx?id=17718>

Microsoft .NET Framework 4 (Standalone Installer)

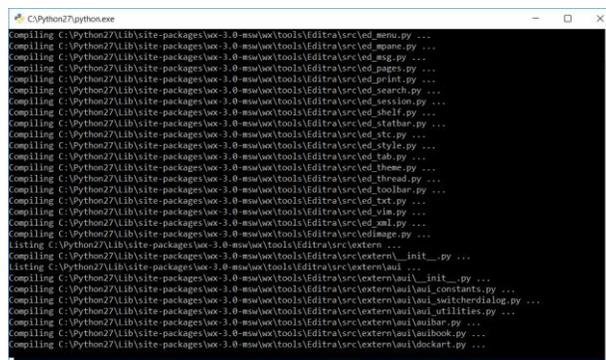
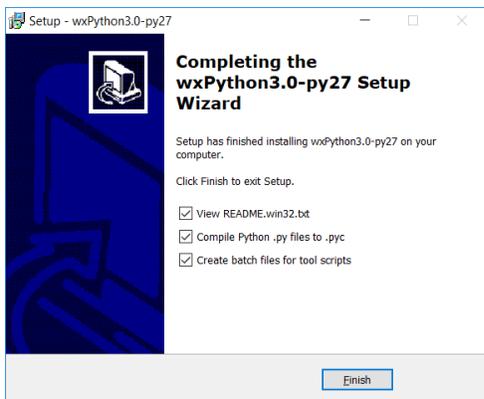
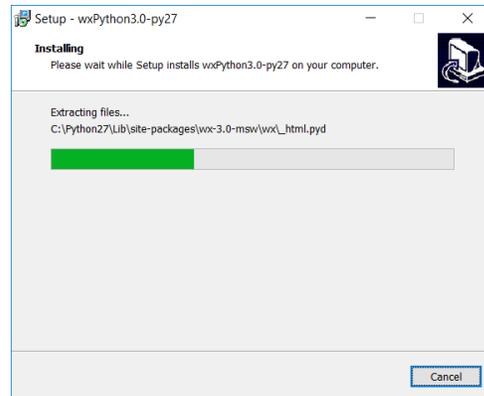


On this computer, it was already installed! If not, follow instructions to install.

3- Install wxPython 3 download wxPython 3.0.2.0, 64-bit, for Python 2.7 from sourceforge and install:

<https://sourceforge.net/projects/wxpython/files/wxPython/3.0.2.0/wxPython3.0-win64-3.0.2.0-py27.exe/download>

After the download is complete, run the installer!



Click finish to compile files.

Installer compiles modules... Done!

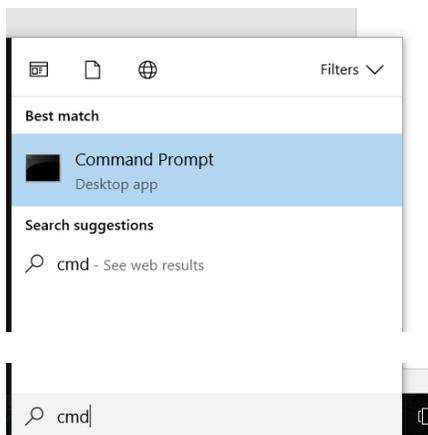
4- Install multiplerz via pip: from command line, run "c:\python27\scripts\pip install multiplerz --upgrade".

The --upgrade flag will update modules if newer versions are available in case older versions are present. Note, your python27 installation may be in a different directory (this was chosen during install process), so adjust the path accordingly!

Pip is a handy installer for python modules; open a command prompt and type the command above. Multiplerz and all dependent modules will be downloaded, extracted and installed!

On windows 10, to open a command prompt, type "cmd" in the search bar.

On windows 7, press the start button, and type "cmd" in the search bar.



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C:\Users\Scott>c:\python27\scripts\pip install multiplierz
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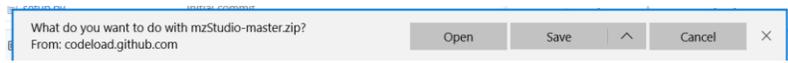
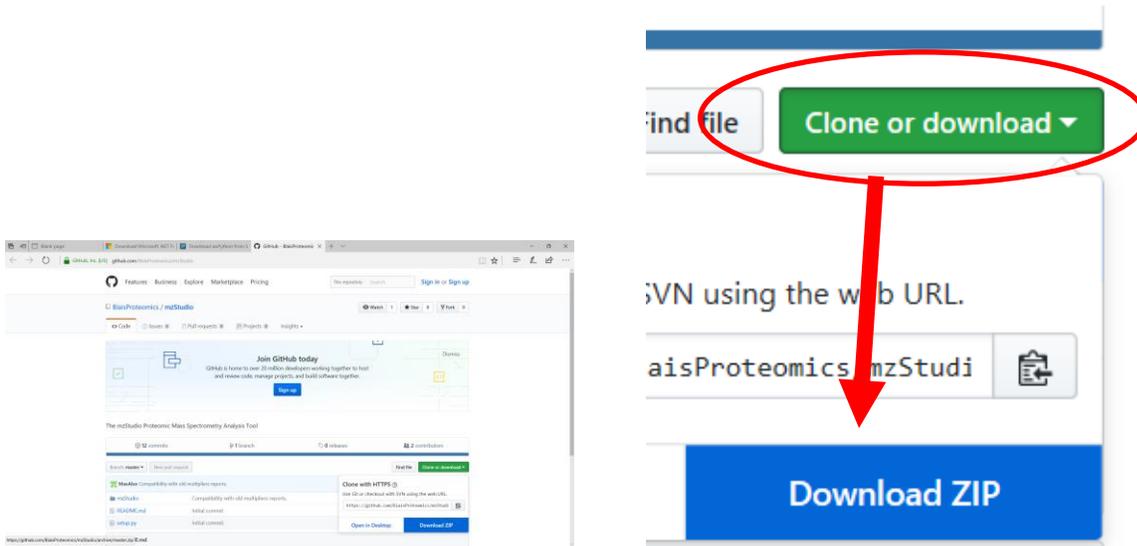
Note, this was a first installed on a new system, so --upgrade flag was not used; it is generally better to include this in case older module versions are present on the system.

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Select Command Prompt
Collecting jdcal (from openpyxl->multiplierz)
  Downloading jdcal-1.3.tar.gz
Collecting et_xmlfile (from openpyxl->multiplierz)
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Collecting idna<2.6,>=2.5 (from requests->multiplierz)
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    100% |#####| 133kB 2.2MB/s
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l, et-xmlfile, openpyxl, xlrd, pypiwin32, idna, urllib3, chardet, certifi, requests, comtypes, multiplierz
  Running setup.py install for functools32 ... done
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  Running setup.py install for et-xmlfile ... done
  Running setup.py install for openpyxl ... done
  Running setup.py install for xlrd ... done
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Successfully installed certifi-2017.4.17 chardet-3.0.4 comtypes-1.1.3 cyciler-0.10.0 et-xmlfile-1.0.1 functools32-3.2.3.p
ost2 idna-2.5 jdcal-1.3 matplotlib-2.0.2 multiplierz-2.0.1 numpy-1.13.1 openpyxl-2.4.8 pyparsing-2.2.0 pypiwin32-219 pyt
hon-dateutil-2.6.1 pytz-2017.2 requests-2.18.1 six-1.10.0 urllib3-1.21.1 xlrd-1.0.0 xlwt-1.2.0

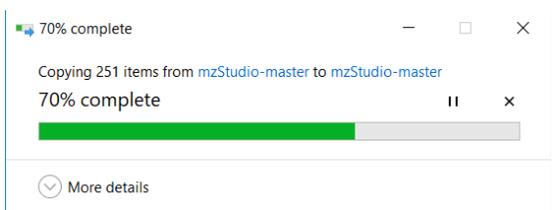
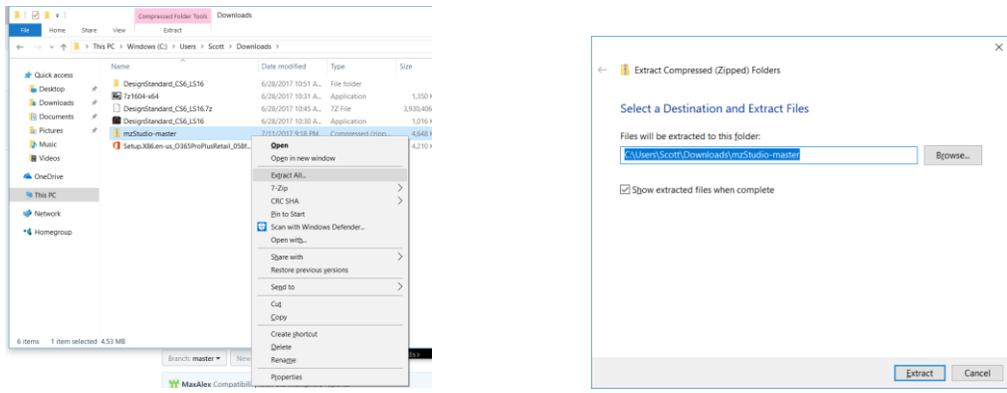
C:\Users\Scott>
C:\Users\Scott>
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5- Download mzStudio from <https://github.com/BlaisProteomics/mzStudio>, extract and run!

Click Clone or download, and Download ZIP.



Extract the zip files.



Open a command prompt (as described above), and run mzStudio!

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Command Prompt
Microsoft Windows [Version 10.0.15063]
(c) 2017 Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved.

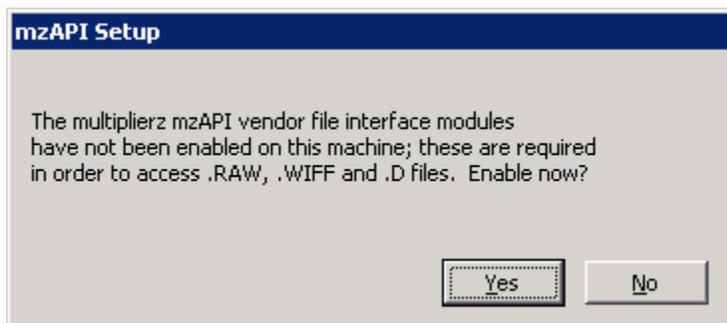
C:\Users\Scott>cd..

C:\Users>cd..

C:\>cd users\Scott\Downloads\mzStudio-master\mzStudio-master\mzStudio

C:\Users\Scott\Downloads\mzStudio-master\mzStudio-master\mzStudio>mzStudio.py_
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When you launch the program, it checks to see if the interfaces to the mass spectrometry data files have been configured. If not, (for example, the first time you launch the program), you will see the message:



Click Yes to setup the interfaces.

After enabling .wiff (ABSciex), .t2d (ABSciex), and .d (Agilent) file access, it will ask if you want to install the MSFileReader (.raw access). Type Y, and enter.

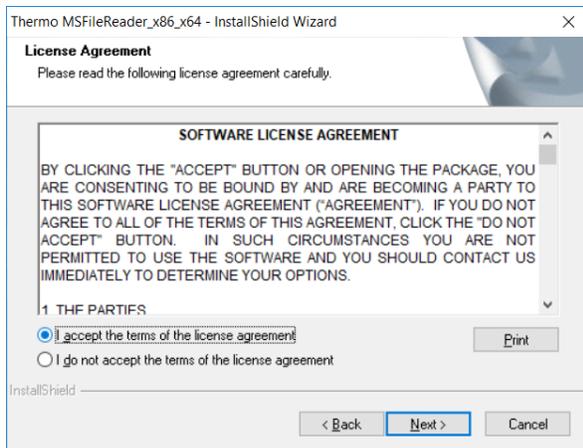
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C:\Python27\python.exe
For Microsoft .NET Framework version 4.0.30319.36392
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RegAsm : warning RA0000 : Registering an unsigned assembly with /codebase can ca
use your assembly to interfere with other applications that may be installed on
the same computer. The /codebase switch is intended to be used only with signed
assemblies. Please give your assembly a strong name and re-register it.
Types registered successfully
Assembly exported to 'C:\Python27\lib\site-packages\multiplierz\mzAPI\agilentdl
s\BaseDataAccess.tlb', and the type library was registered successfully
Registration operations completed.
Results:

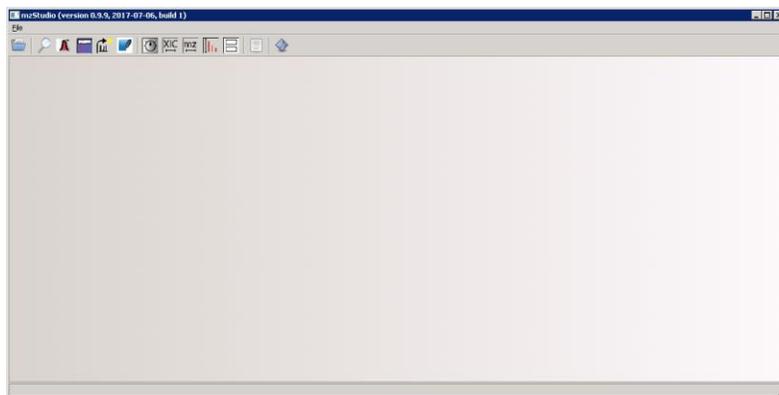
File Type      Registered Before      RegAsm Return Code      Registered Now
RAW            False                 N/A                     False
WIFF          False                 0                       True
T2D           False                 0                       True
D             False                 0                       True

MSFileReader (required for RAW file access) has not been installed. Run the The
emo MSFileReader installation package now? [Y/n]
y
Please wait...
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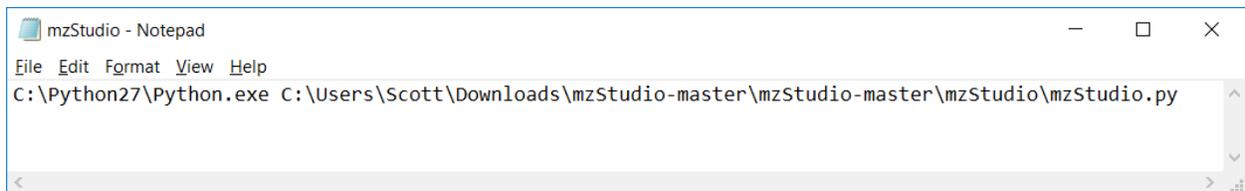
Follow directions to install MSFileReader.



Once vendor library access is configured, mzStudio will open!



To make it easier to launch the program, I find it handy to make a .bat file and place it on the desktop.



Just open up notepad, type the path to your python executable (i.e. C:\Python27\Python.exe), and then the path to mzStudio.py (adjust your path accordingly depending on where you extracted your files). Click File/Save as... Browse to the desktop, then select "All files" in the "Save as type" box and enter mzStudio.bat as filename.

Double clicking the .bat file will directly open mzStudio!

II. *mzStudio User's Guide*

Some tutorial files to use

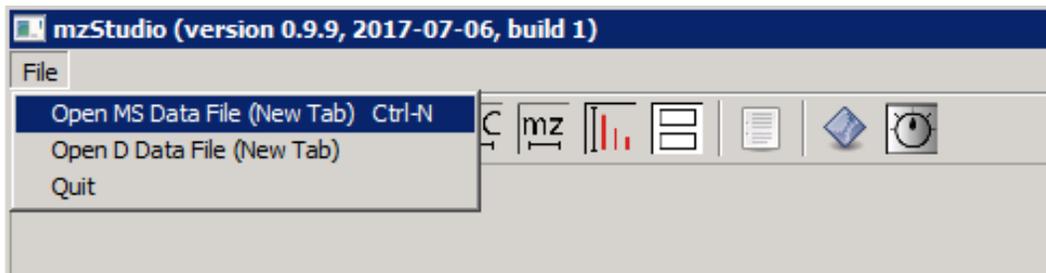
An exemplary data file and search results can be downloaded from sourceforge:

<https://sourceforge.net/projects/mzstudio-tutorial-package/files/latest/download?source=navbar>

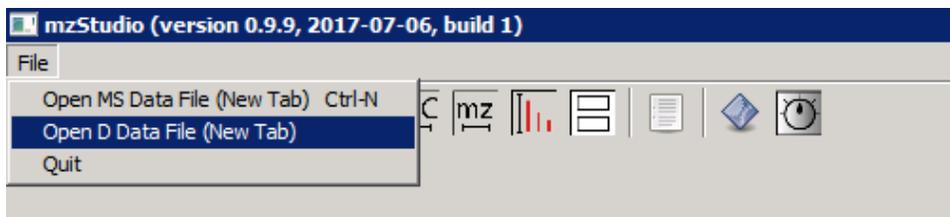
Opening a file

mzStudio currently supports direct access to raw mass spectrometry data files from Thermo, AB-Sciex, and Agilent, as well as multiplier generated .mgf files.

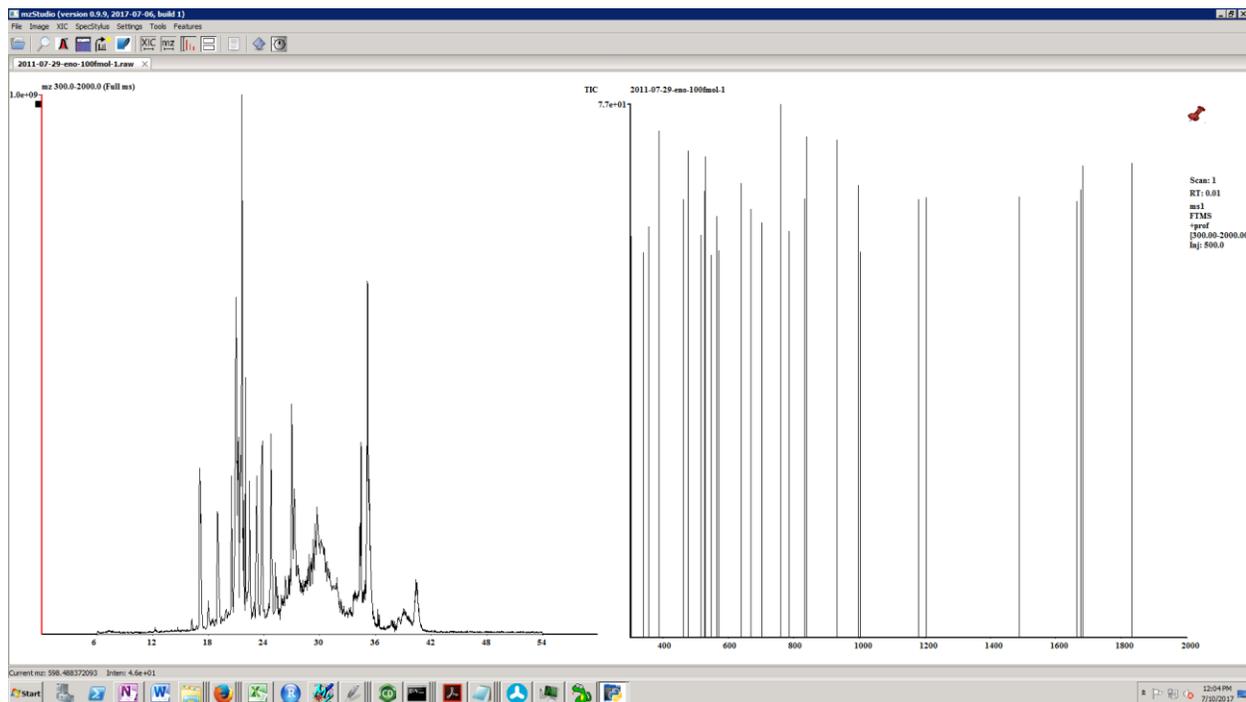
To open a Thermo raw file, an AB-Sciex wiff or t2d file, or an mgf file, select the “Open MS data file (New Tab)” menu item. This opens a file dialog. Browse to the desired file, and click the Open button.



To open an Agilent file, select the “Open D data file (New Tab)” menu item. This opens a directory dialog. Browse inside the data file folder – here you should see an “AcqData” folder (don’t open this though) - hit the “Select Folder” button.



After opening a file, a TIC is displayed, along with the first spectrum. This is the tutorial file 2011-07-29-eno-100fmol-1.raw.



Basic Navigation

Helpful tip: When typing key commands, make sure the spectrum window has focus. If focus is lost, just left click the mass spectrum – commands will now be sent to the spectrum window!

+/- go to next or previous scan.

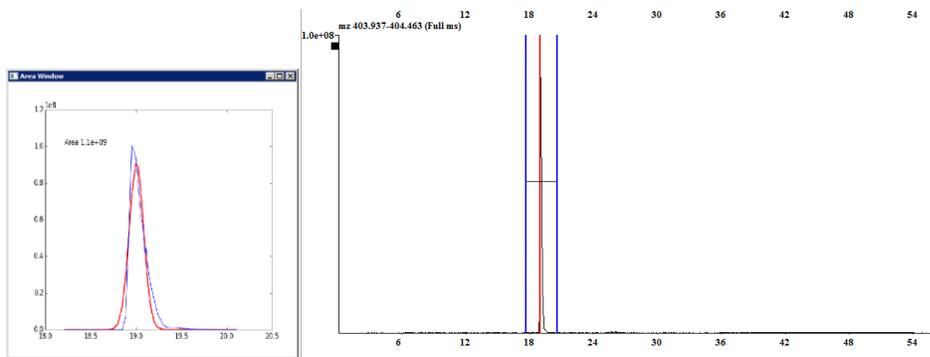
< and > go to the next or previous MS1 scan for files with MS1 data.

Left click in XIC displays the spectrum for the selected retention time.

Left click & drag in XIC panel zooms in the selected time range.

Right click in XIC panel zooms out to the entire time range.

Right click & drag in XIC performs peak integration according to method specified in settings (see section below on peak areas).



Left click & drag in spectrum zooms in on the selected mass range.

Right click on the spectrum displays the full mass range (zoom out).

1,2,3 displays the mass spectrum on the indicated number of axes.

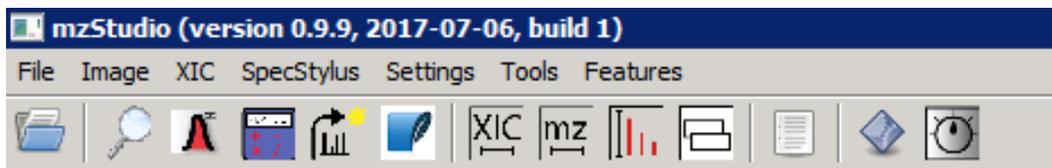
R selects XIC/Spectrum display mode (side-by-side).

S selects Spectrum display mode (no XICs).

L toggles locking the mass range. When locked, the displayed range stays the same moving from scan-to-scan.

W toggles the “filter lock”. This applies to targeted MS2 or MSn experiments. When the filter is locked, < and > move to the next scan or previous scan with the same filter.

Toolbar items



In order, the toolbar icons are as follows:

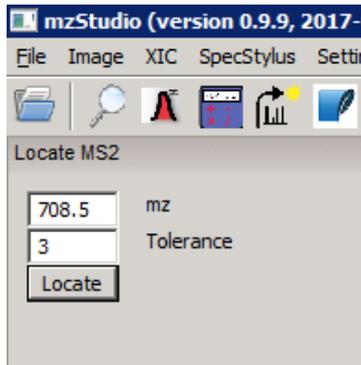


Open a data file (same as File Menu/Open MS Data File (New Tab))

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Search for MS2 spectra.

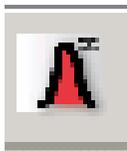


Enter mz and tolerance. Click locate. A grid appears:

	Scan	mz	Scan type	Filter
1	1991	711.36	cid	ITMS + c NSI
2	1992	711.36	hcd	FTMS + p NSI
3	2538	708.86	cid	ITMS + c NSI
4	2539	708.86	hcd	FTMS + p NSI
5	2683	708.86	cid	ITMS + c NSI
6	2684	708.86	hcd	FTMS + p NSI
7	2725	709.36	cid	ITMS + c NSI
8	2726	709.36	hcd	FTMS + p NSI
9	2819	707.86	cid	ITMS + c NSI
10	2820	707.86	hcd	FTMS + p NSI

Click on the row label to jump to the listed scan.

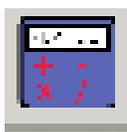
(3)



Perform an XIC (same as menu item XIC/XIC)

See section below on [extracted ion chromatograms](#).

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Open mzPepCalc.



CLR MOD
 Enter Sequence Here
 GVLHAVK
 Charge State of b/y pairs: 1
 Charge States to Calculate: 6
 Decimals: 4 N-term: None
 monoisotopic C-term: None
 average Ions: b/y
 b1 58.0287 G 723.4512 y7
 b2 157.0971 V 666.4297 y6
 b3 270.1812 L 567.3613 y5
 b4 407.2401 H 454.2772 y4
 b5 478.2772 A 317.2183 y3
 b6 577.3456 V 246.1812 y2
 b7 723.4512 K 147.1128 y1
 +0 = 722.4439
 +1 = 723.4512
 +2 = 362.2292
 +3 = 241.8219
 +4 = 181.6183
 +5 = 145.4961
 +6 = 121.4146

mzPepCalc is a very useful tool for calculating fragment ion masses.

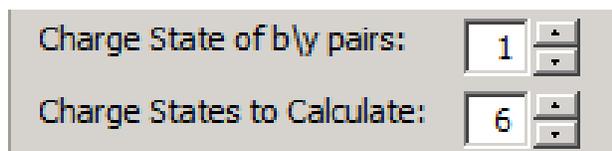
Enter the peptide sequence in the sequence box.



The screenshot shows the top part of the mzPepCalc interface. At the top left, there is a label "Enter Sequence Here" next to a "Calc" button. Below this is a large text input field containing the peptide sequence "GVLHAVK". To the right of the input field are two small spinner boxes for adjusting the view.

Set the charge state of the fragment ions you would like to calculate with the spinner box.

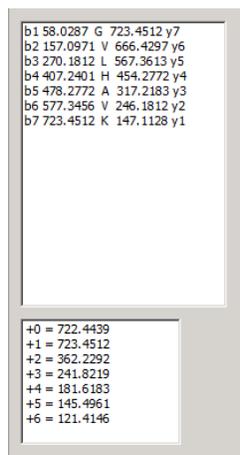
Set the highest charge state precursor you would like to display with the labeled spinner box ('6' will calculate from '+0' or unprotonated to '+6' charge state).



The screenshot shows two rows of settings. The first row is labeled "Charge State of b/y pairs:" and has a spinner box set to "1". The second row is labeled "Charge States to Calculate:" and has a spinner box set to "6".

Then select # of decimals to display, N-term mods, C-term mods, ion type (i.e. b/y or c/z) and whether average or monoisotopic masses should be used.

Hitting the calc button will calculate precursor and product ion masses, and display the results in the list boxes.



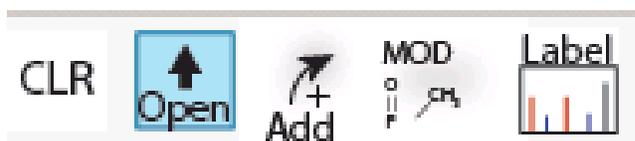
The screenshot shows the results list in the mzPepCalc interface. The list contains the following data:

b1	58.0287	G	723.4512	y7
b2	157.0971	V	666.4297	y6
b3	270.1812	L	567.3613	y5
b4	407.2401	H	454.2772	y4
b5	478.2772	A	317.2183	y3
b6	577.3456	V	246.1812	y2
b7	723.4512	K	147.1128	y1

Below the list, there is a section for precursor masses:

+0	=	722.4439
+1	=	723.4512
+2	=	362.2292
+3	=	241.8219
+4	=	181.6183
+5	=	145.4961
+6	=	121.4146

Pepcalc menu options:

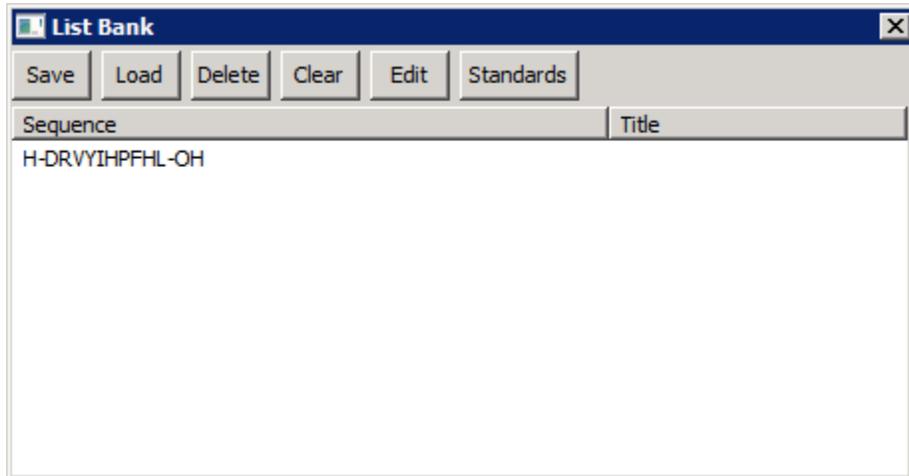


CLR clears the current sequence.

Open opens the “list bank”.

Add will add the sequence in the sequence box to the “list bank”.

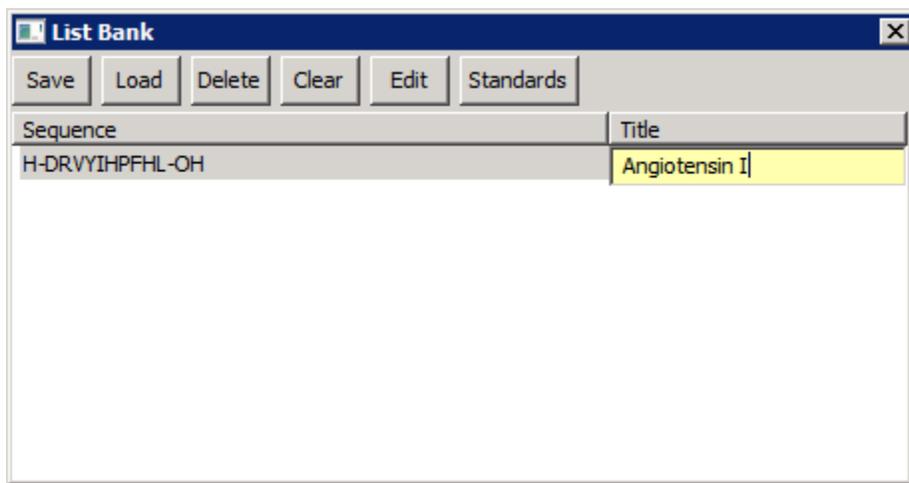
The list bank is a useful tool to maintain lists of peptides for specific projects.



Save and load will save and load lists to/from text files. Delete will delete the selected entry. Clear will clear the list bank.

Left clicking a sequence in the list bank will send the sequence to the text box in the mzPepCalc and calculate the sequence.

Edit will allow you to go into “Edit” mode where left clicking allows you to edit the sequence or title of the item:



Click edit again to toggle to peptide select mode.

Clicking standards will load the file PeptideStandards.txt from the mzStudio directory. This is a handy place to store masses for commonly used laboratory peptides like angiotensin.

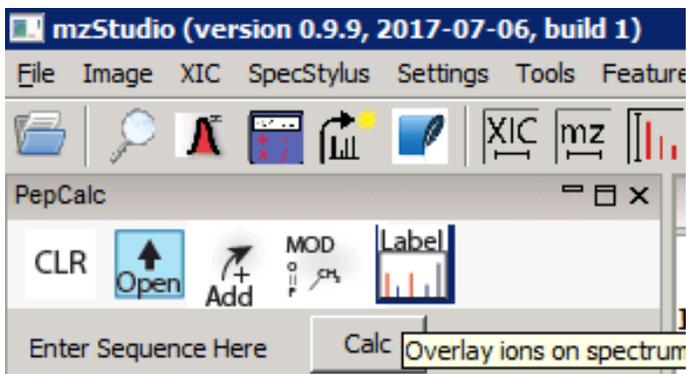
MOD will open the “Mod Manager”

Token	Title	Composition	MonoIsotopic	Average	Group
A	Alanine	H(5) C(3) O(1) N(1)	71.037114	71.07898	Common
acK	Acetylated Lysine	H(14) C(8) O(2) N(2)	170.105528	170.211944	Common
acS	Acetylated Serine	H(7) C(5) O(3) N(1)	129.042594	129.115652	Common
aeC	amino ethyl cysteine	H(10) C(5) S(1) O(1) N(2)	146.051383	146.21229	Cysteine
arC	ADP-Ribose Cysteine	C(18) H(26) O(14) N(6) P(2) S(1)	644.070298	644.44875	ADP-Ribose
arD	ADP-Ribose Asp	H(26) C(19) N(6) O(16) P(2)	656.088058	656.39374	ADP-Ribose
arE	ADP-Ribose Glutamic Acid	H(28) C(20) N(6) O(16) P(2)	670.103708	670.420732	ADP-Ribose
arN	ADP-Ribose Asn	H(27) C(19) N(7) O(15) P(2)	655.104042	655.409056	ADP-Ribose
axK	Lysine	H(28) C(16) O(3) N(4)	324.216141	324.424568	Common
B	Cysteinylated Cysteine	H(10) C(6) S(2) O(3) N(2)	222.013283	222.28666	Cysteine
biotK	biotin lysine	H(26) C(16) S(1) O(3) N(4)	354.172561	354.473306	Common
bkgglS	BiogalglcSerine	H(51) C(32) S(1) O(15) N(7)	805.316388	805.861166	Common
bkgglT	BiogalglcThreonine	H(53) C(33) S(1) O(15) N(7)	819.332038	819.888158	Common
bmxiC	bmxi inhibitor Cysteine	H(29) C(32) S(2) O(5) N(5)	627.16101	627.743864	Common
bocggK	BocGGLys	H(26) C(15) O(5) N(4)	342.190321	342.396216	Common

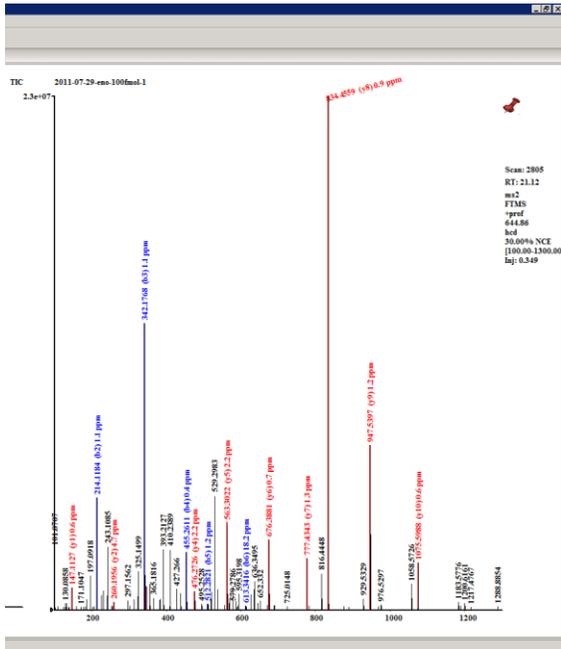
This is a list of pre-defined post-translational modifications that the mzPepCalc recognizes. For example, caC corresponds to carbamidomethyl cysteine, pS to phosphoserine, and oxM to oxidized methionine. These modifications are currently stored in a text file in the mzStudio installation directory with the path /mz_workbench/files/new_res_list.txt. Individual entries can be edited by double clicking the entry. In addition, entries can be added (New), removed (Delete) and saved (Save). Note, before new modifications are recognized, the mzStudio must be restarted.

Additionally, specific masses can be added to residues by enclosing the mass in brackets. For example, the mass of fragments for angiotensin II phosphate can be displayed by typing: DRV[97.98]YHPF where [97.98] represents the mass of the phosphate group (H3PO4).

Label will label y and b ions onto the existing spectrum:

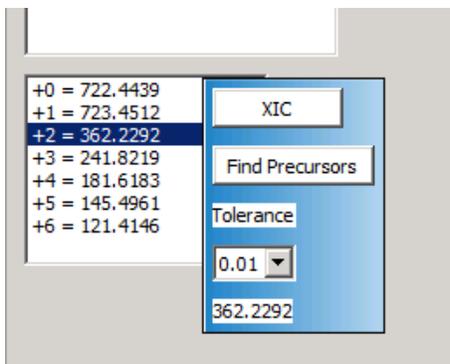


Spectrum with annotated b and y ions from label function:



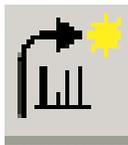
From mzPepCalc, it is also possible to display XICs and locate specific product ion spectra.

Clicking on a specific calculated charge state displays a window:

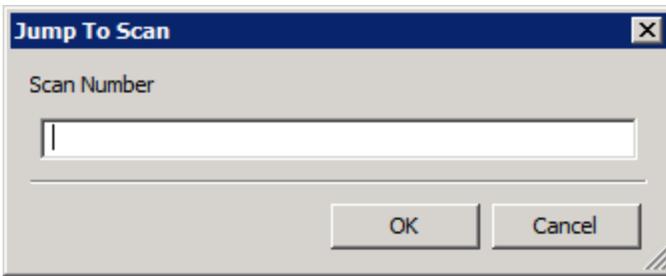


From here, XIC will display an XIC for the specified m/z and tolerance, while 'Find Precursors' will find MS2 spectra performed on precursors of the specified m/z and tolerance.

Right click in the popup window to close it.



(5) Jump to scan.



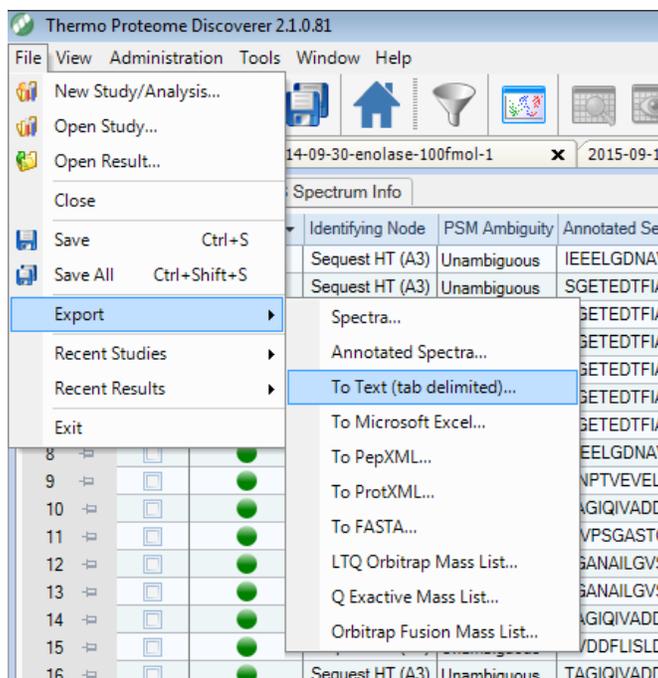
Enter scan number to navigate to this scan in the data file.

(6) SQLite Icon – “Make database”.

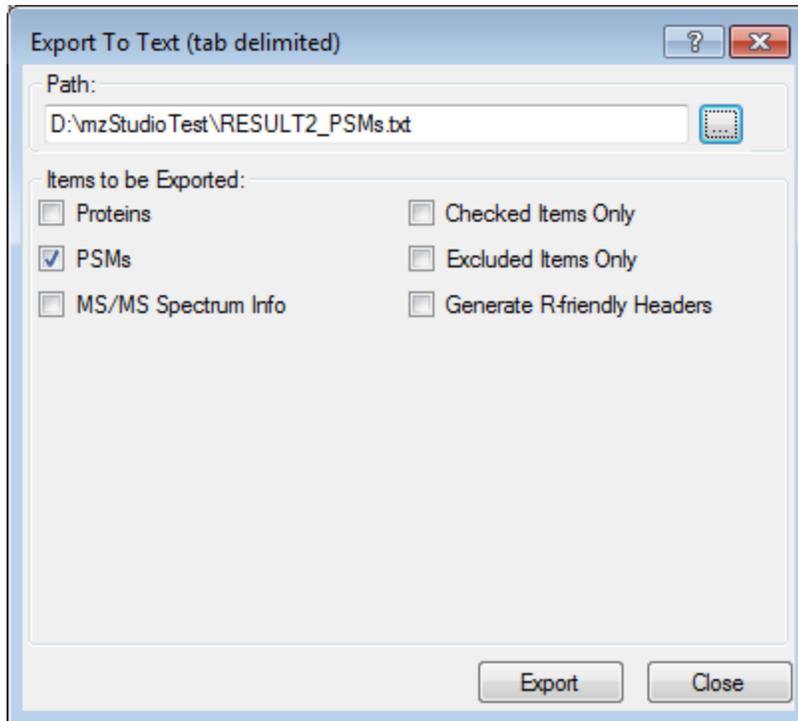


This makes a sqlite database from an xls file containing Mascot, COMET, or X!Tandem search results (in multiplierz format; see below section on “Search Result Compatibility”). All rows will be imported into a sqlite file in a table called “peptides”. All queries should be performed against this table.

It will also make a database from txt files containing Proteome Discoverer PSMs. To export the PSMs in Proteome Discoverer, select File/Export/To Text (tab delimited):



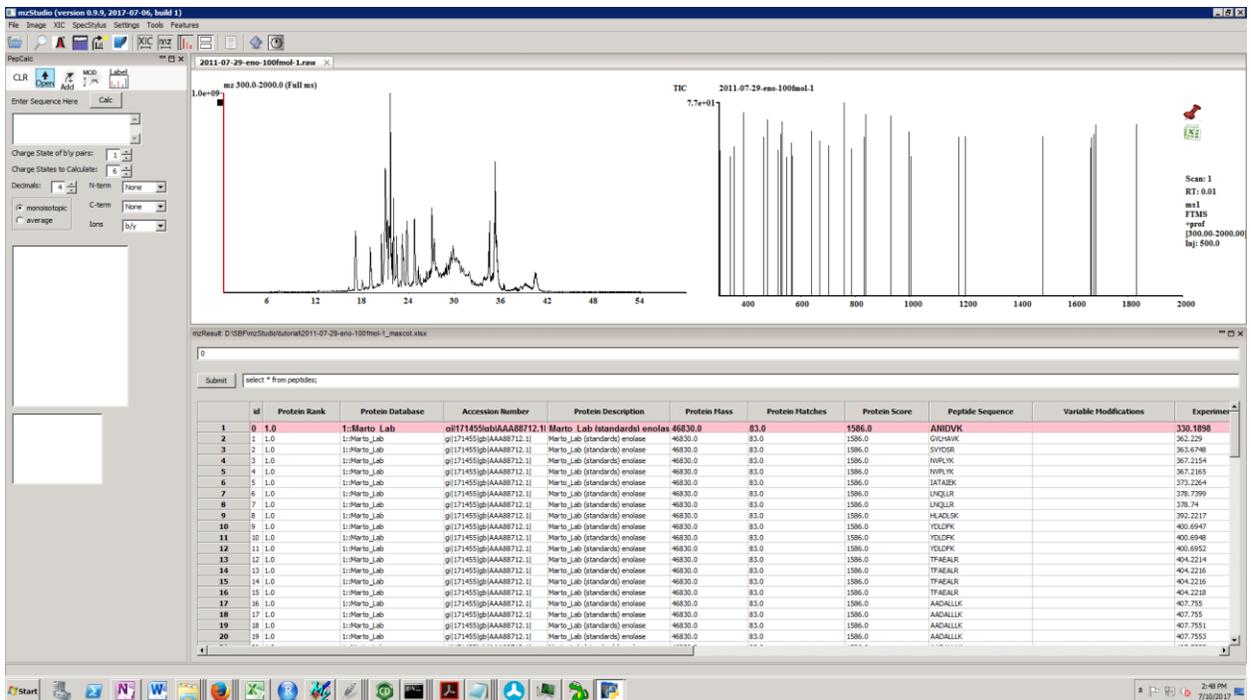
Check PSMs, then click Export. This file can then be read by mzStudio.



Note, when importing the Proteome Discoverer PSM file, mzStudio requires the mgf (generated by multiplierz) to lookup the scan number corresponding to each PSM (to our knowledge, this info is not exported by Proteome Discoverer; instead the "Query" or position in the mgf is listed and we look it up from here). After selecting your PSM file, just select the corresponding mgf.

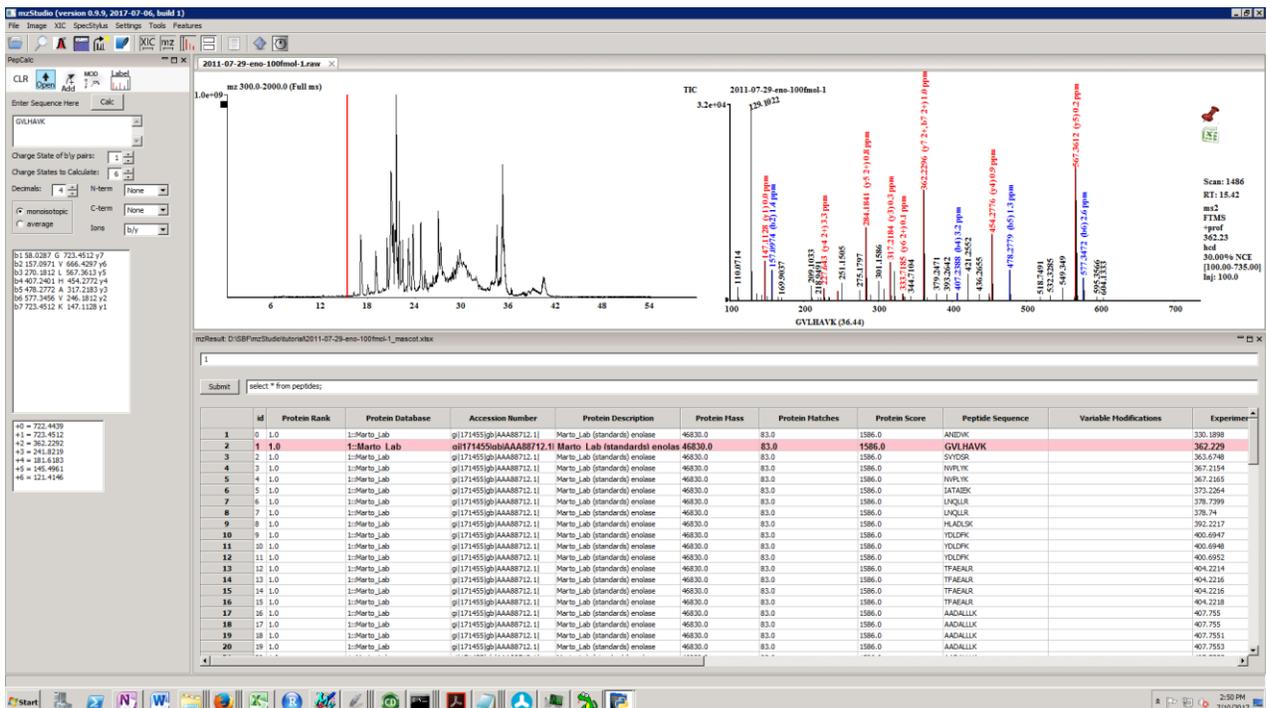
The following example illustrates opening a multiplierz generated Mascot report.

Note, all search results MUST be in multiplierz format to be read correctly! mzStudio looks for specific worksheets ('Mascot_Header' for a Mascot Search and 'Data' for PSMs) and specific columns (i.e. 'Spectrum Description'). An incorrectly formatted file will throw errors or cause unexpected behavior.



After loading the results, they are displayed in grid format. An mzPepCalc window is also opened automatically.

Clicking on a row label jumps to the selected scan and highlights that row. The sequence is displayed in the mzPepCalc sequence box and the fragment ions are calculated. In addition, fragment ions are labeled in the spectrum window.



Search results may be filtered and sorted using SQLite queries. Valid queries can be entered into the text box to the right of the 'Submit' button, which is pressed to apply the query. The text displayed initially in this box ('select * from peptides') is the query used to generate the initial data table.

Example SQLite queries:

To sort data from highest to lowest scoring peptides, enter:

```
select * from peptides order by "Peptide Score" desc
```

and click submit.

To display only oxidized methionine containing peptides, enter:

```
select * from peptides where "Variable Modifications" like "%Oxidation%"
```

To display oxidized methionine peptides which Mascot scores > 30 and sort from highest to lowest mz:

```
select * from peptides where "Variable Modifications" like "%Oxidation%" and "Mascot Score" > 30  
order by "Experimental mz" desc
```

Note the autocompletion feature of SQLITE keywords (e.g. SELECT, FROM, WHERE, etc.) which helps query construction. In addition, we implemented shortcuts for common worksheet column names; when these keys are typed, they will be replaced in-line with the following column names:

~var	Variable modifications
~sc	Peptide score
~gn	Gene name
~desc	Protein Description
~acc	Accession
~lk	"LIKE %%"
~xc	"Cross correlation"
~ex	Expect
~seq	Peptide Sequence

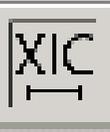
[Search Result Compatibility](#)

To correctly load search results, interpret modifications, and navigate scan information, Mascot, COMET, and X!Tandem results should be in multiplierz format. For more information on using multiplierz/mzDesktop, please refer to the wiki pages:

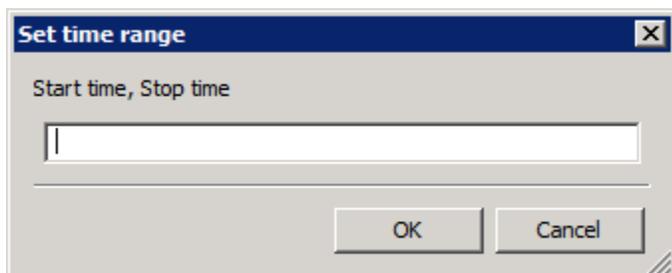
<https://github.com/BlaisProteomics/mzDesktop/wiki>

<https://github.com/BlaisProteomics/multiplierz/wiki>

Basically, mzStudio requires a header worksheet listing fixed modifications (variable mods are usually listed with the PSMs). In addition, mzStudio looks for a column called "Spectrum Description" with a specific format that it can parse the scan number.

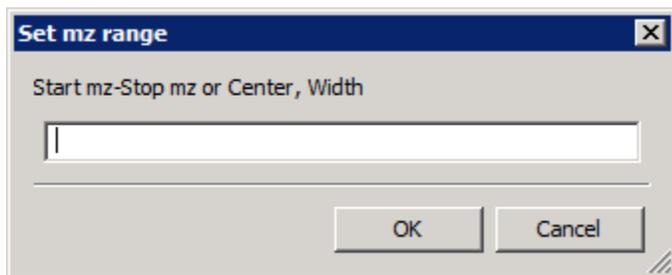
(7)  ***Set XIC time range***

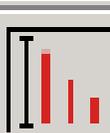
Opens dialog to set the displayed time range. Enter start time, stop time or start time – stop time.



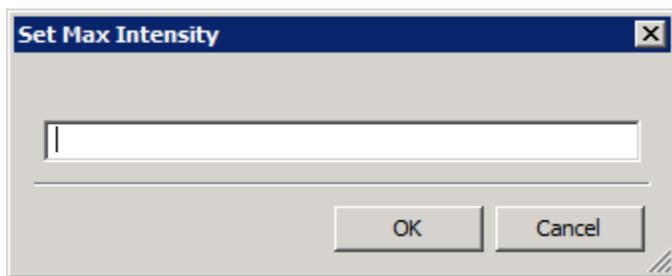
(8)  ***Set spectrum m/z display range***

Opens dialog to set the displayed m/z range. Enter Start mz-stop mz to display the range, or Center, Width to center on an m/z with the selected width.



(9)  ***Set Spectrum Intensity Scale***

Opens dialog; allows spectrum to be re-scaled to the specified intensity.



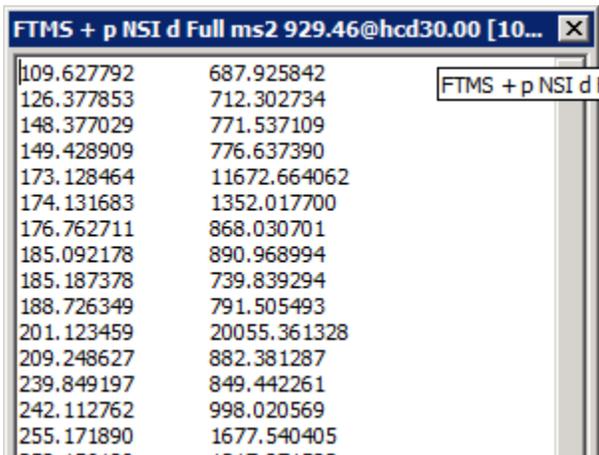
(10)  ***Toggle for XIC traces (new window vs. overlay)***



This button toggles how new XIC traces are added to the main XIC window. By default, they are displayed in new windows; this button toggles to allow new traces to overlay the last window.

(11)  ***View spectrum list***

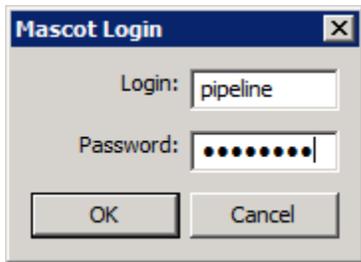
Displays the current spectrum in text format. Can be copied to clipboard with Ctrl-V.



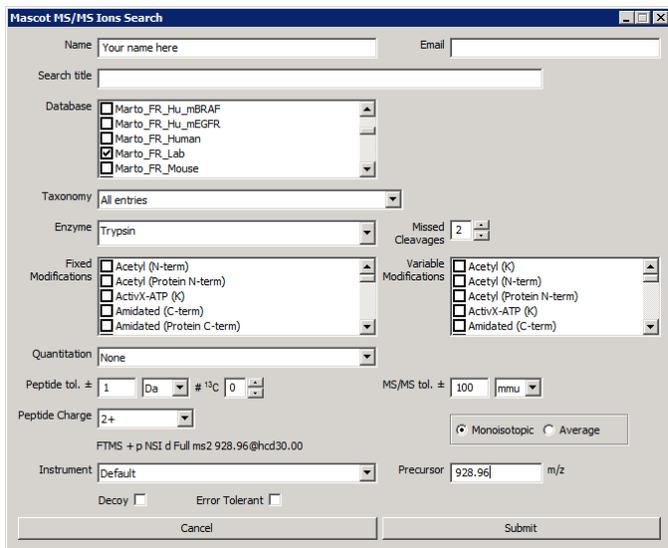
(12)  ***Perform Spectrum Search***

This button will perform database search of the currently displayed spectrum, via the *multiplierz* search interface. It uses the algorithm that is selected in the Settings page (Settings/Change Settings). The default search algorithm is set to Mascot. Comet and X!Tandem can also be selected. Note, all search algorithms should be installed and correctly configured in your *multiplierz* settings file prior to use (see sections below “Installing COMET, X!Tandem” and “Configuring Comet, X!Tandem and Mascot for use with mzStudio” .

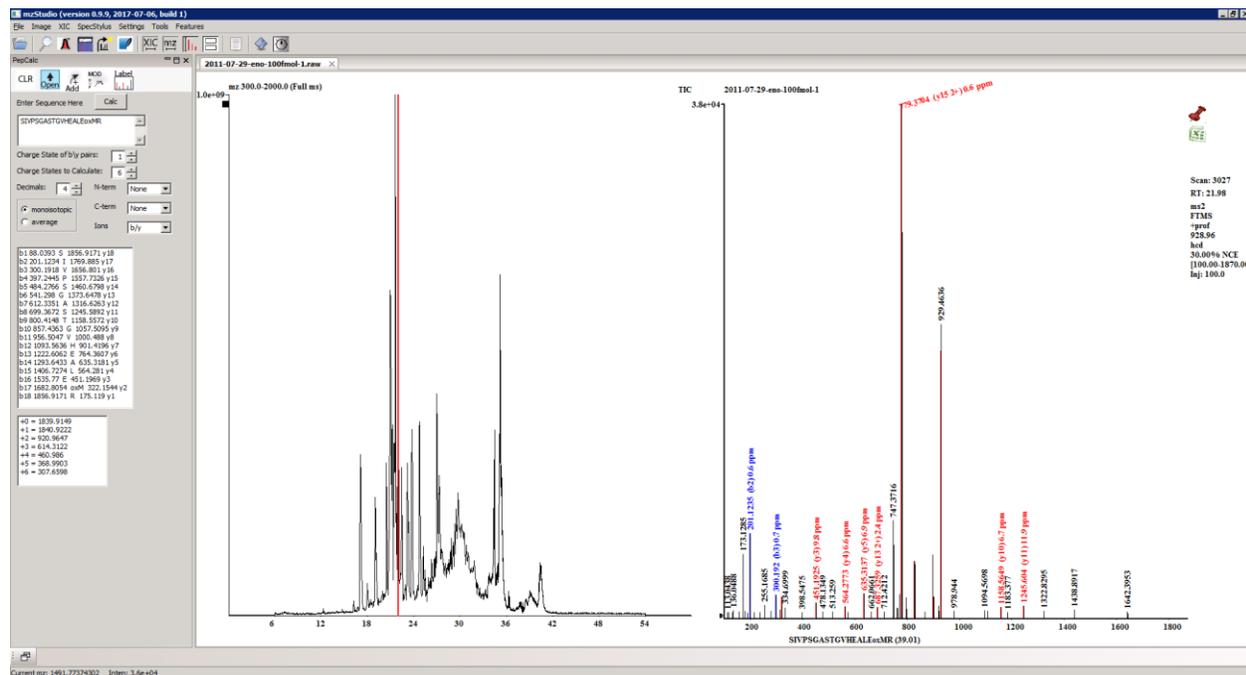
For a Mascot search, login with your credentials:



Enter your search parameters:

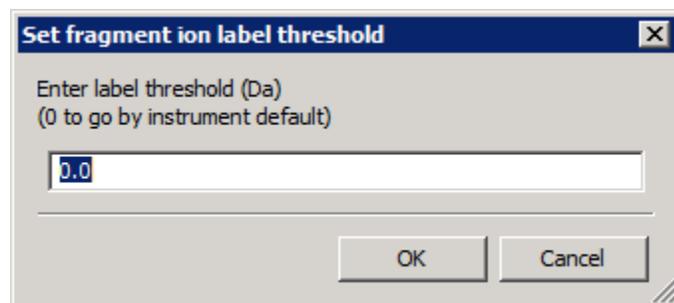


If there is a significant hit, it will be sent to mzPepCalc and annotations will appear in the spectrum window:



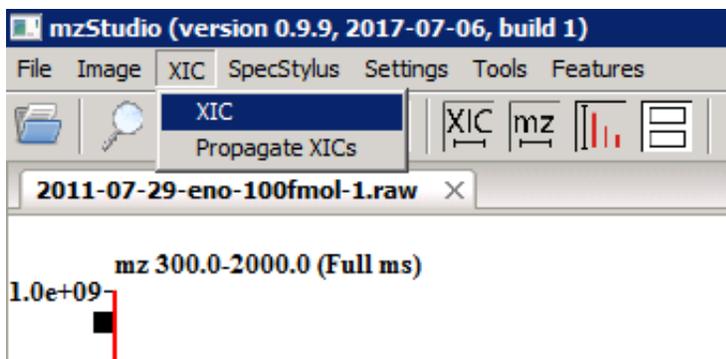
(13)  **Set fragment ion label tolerance**

This sets the tolerance for labeling fragment ions. Entering '0' uses the instrument default (0.02 Da for FTMS instruments, 0.5 Da for all others).

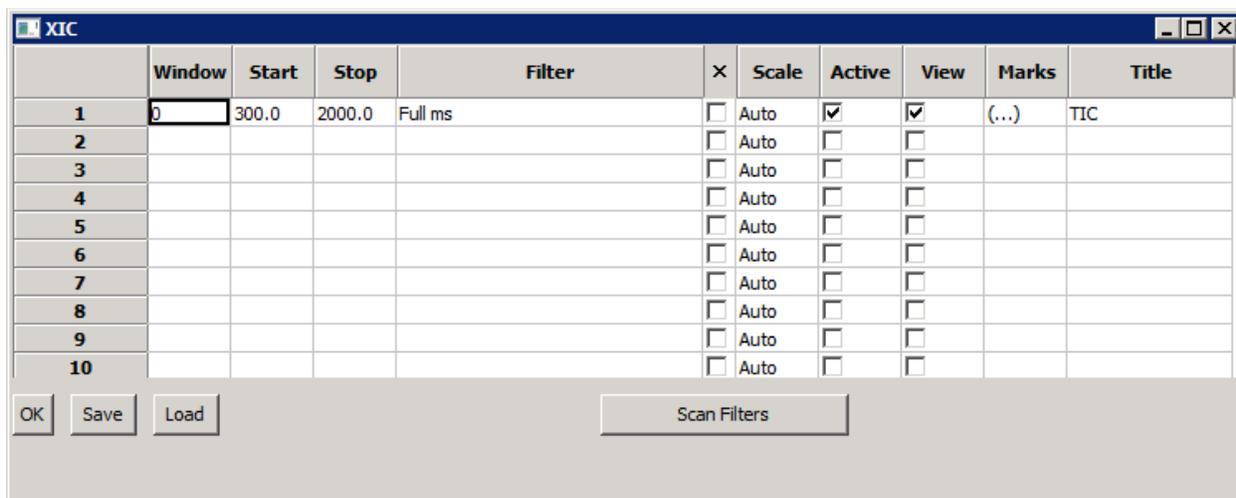


Extracted Ion Chromatograms

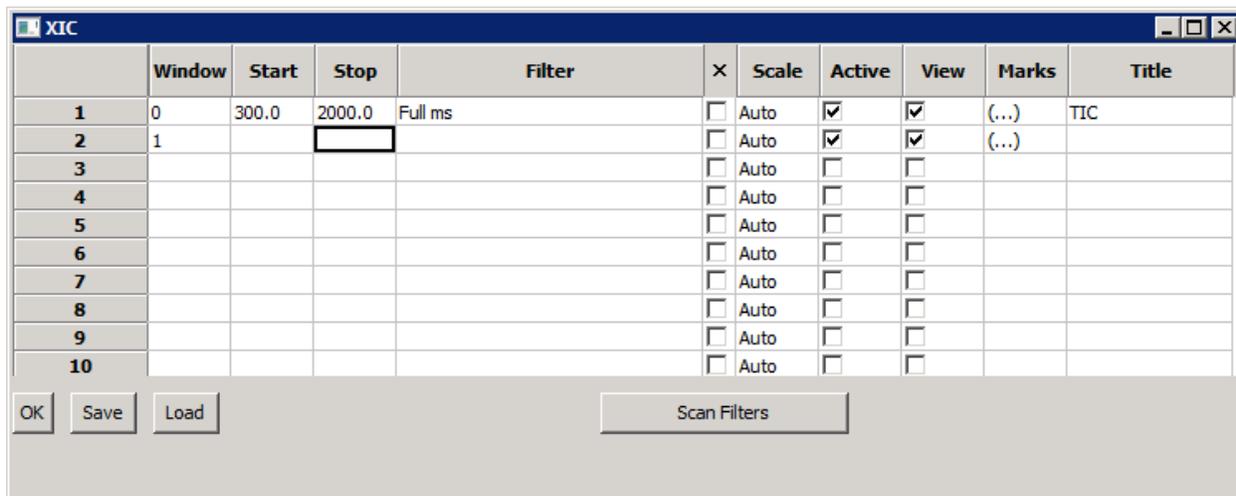
To perform extracted ion chromatograms, click XIC/XIC.



This opens the XIC window.



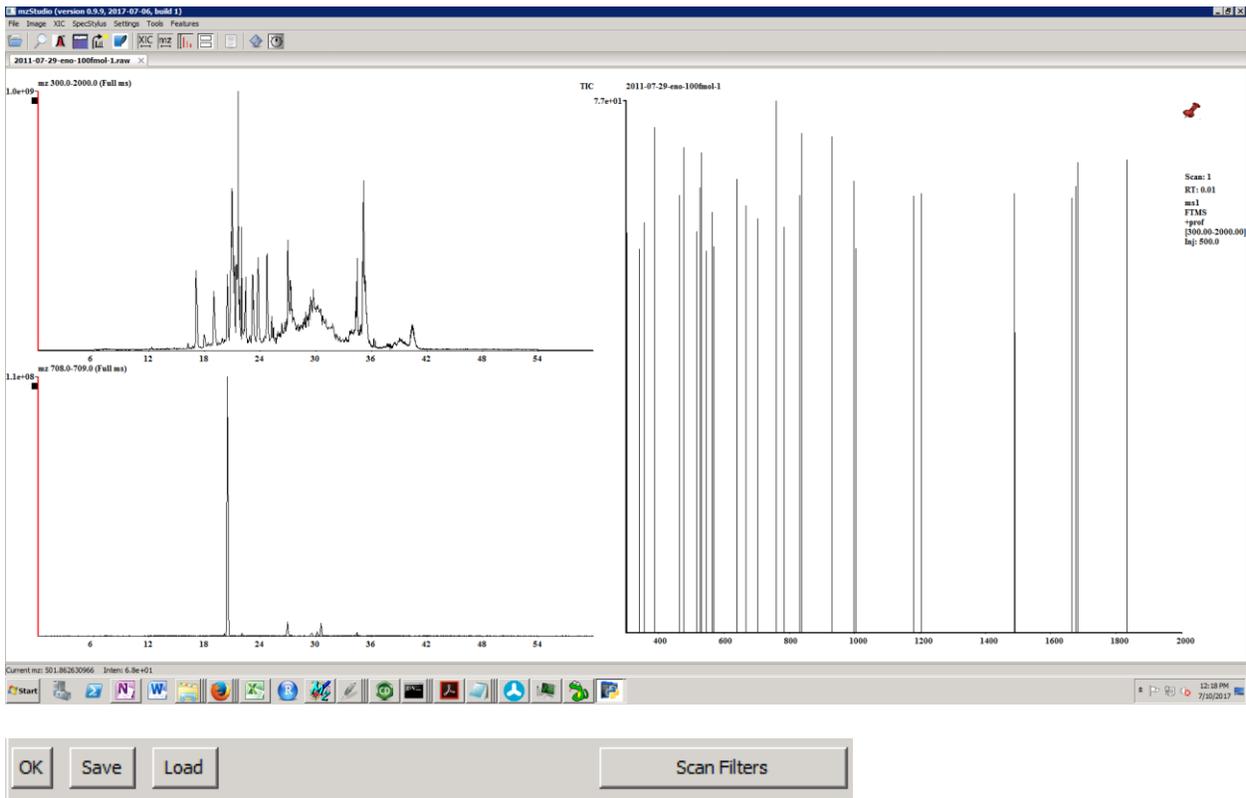
To create a new XIC, click in the next available row (row 2 in this case). By default, the XIC is assigned to the next available “Window” meaning the data will appear in a new trace. By setting this to 0, both traces would be overlaid.



After entering parameters, hit OK.

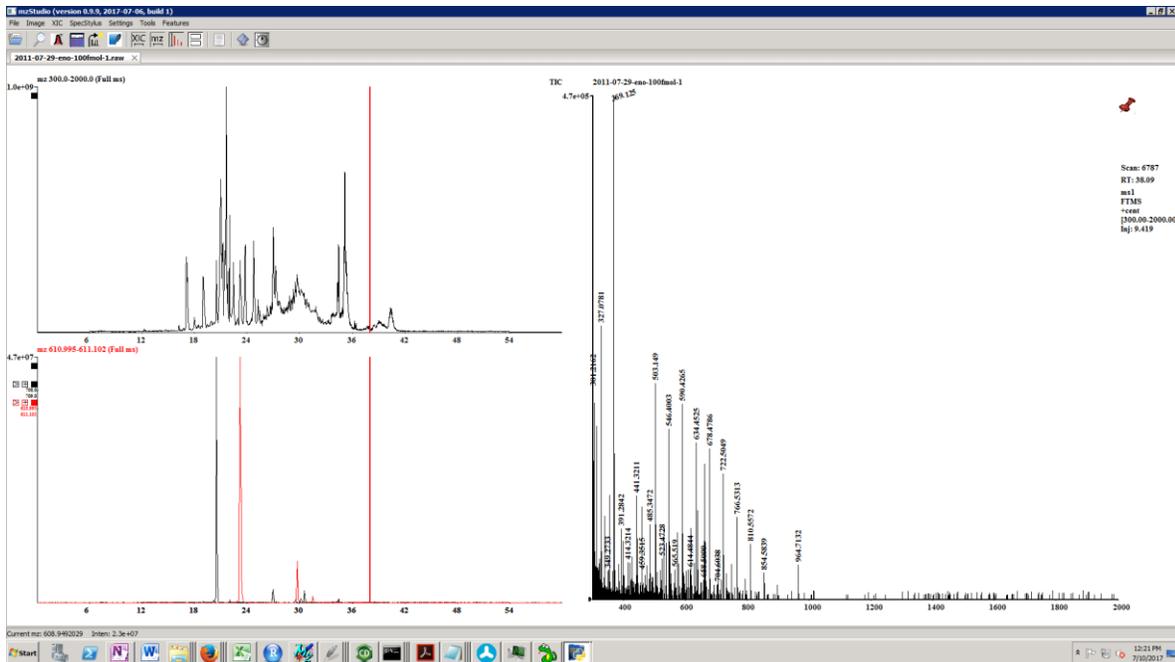
	Window	Start	Stop	Filter	×	Scale	Active	View	Marks	Title
1	0	300.0	2000.0	Full ms	<input type="checkbox"/>	Auto	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	(...)	TIC
2	1	708	709	Full ms	<input type="checkbox"/>	Auto	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	(...)	
3					<input type="checkbox"/>	Auto	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
4					<input type="checkbox"/>	Auto	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
5					<input type="checkbox"/>	Auto	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
6					<input type="checkbox"/>	Auto	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
7					<input type="checkbox"/>	Auto	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
8					<input type="checkbox"/>	Auto	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
9					<input type="checkbox"/>	Auto	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
10					<input type="checkbox"/>	Auto	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		

The new XIC is displayed.

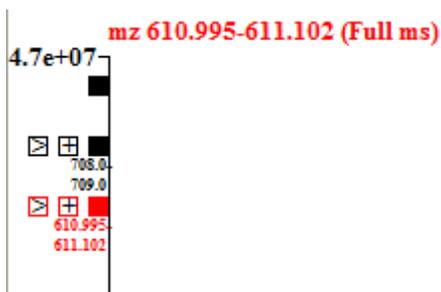


“Save” and “Load” are used to save and load the contents of XIC windows in text format.

“Scan Filters” will detect non-data dependent MS2 scans (i.e. targeted MS2 scans from appropriate experiments).



Tab layout for overlaid windows:



Note the tabs that are displayed to the left of the XIC. Left click on the solid upper tab will delete the entire set of XICs. Additional sets of tabs are displayed for each XIC displayed in the window. Left click on the solid tab will make the trace “Active” – the apex intensity for this trace will appear to the left of the window, and the extracted mass range will appear above the window (in this example, two traces are displayed; XIC 610.995-611.102 is displayed in red; its max intensity is $4.7E7$ counts). In addition, if peak integrations are performed, they will be performed on the active window. The +/- tabs are used to view/hide individual traces. The active trace cannot be hidden. The ‘>’ is used to send the individual trace to its own individual window.

Another useful feature in the ‘XIC’ menu is ‘Propagate XICs’. This will display the same set of XICs for each data file that is currently open.

Extracted Ion Chromatograms for Wiff files

When wiff files are loaded, the different scan types in the data file are determined and will be entered as defaults in the filters combo box. These can be selected to perform XICs specific to particular scans.

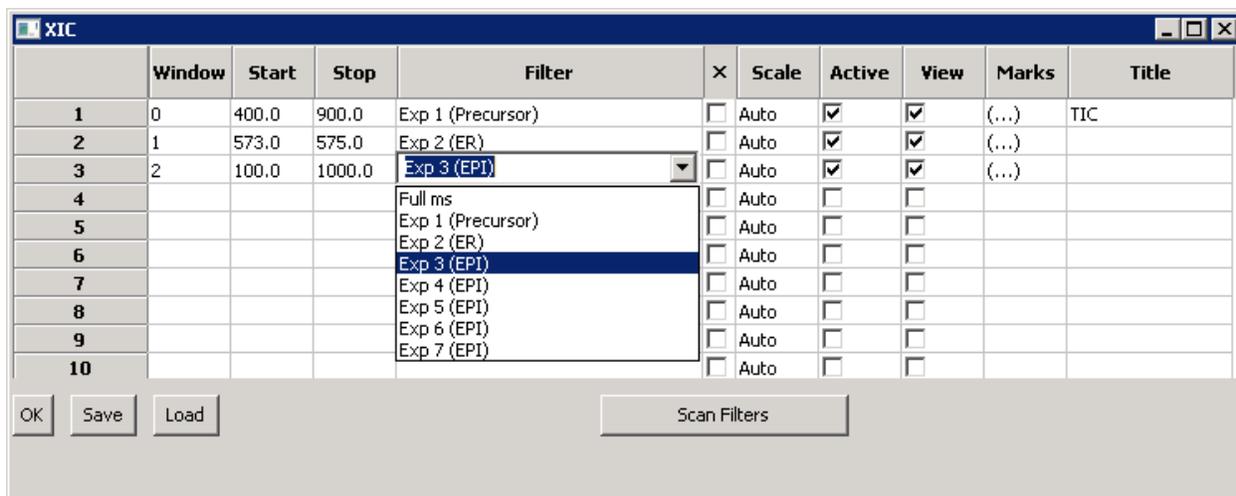
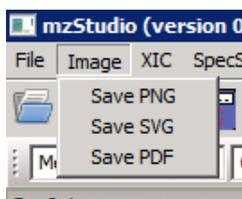


Image Menu

To export images



Select the image type, browse to the location, and type the filename.

Tools Menu

In the tools menu, three useful tools are available:

(1) miniCHNOPS: Enter a formula in the first text box, select Monoisotopic or average from the combo box, click the calc button, and the molecular weight appears in the second text box. Accepted formats are C3 or C(3) for 3 carbons.



(2) areaBank: When this tool is open, all manual integration results (Right click, drag in XIC window) are appended to the text box. 'Copy' puts the results on the clipboard for pasting into applications like excel. Clear to reset.

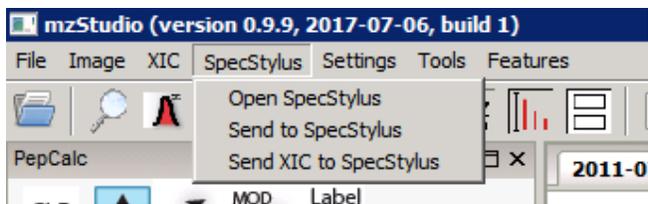


(3) Mass accuracy calculator: Enter measured and calculated masses in the indicated text boxes, and pressing the calc button will display the ppm error in the rightmost textbox.

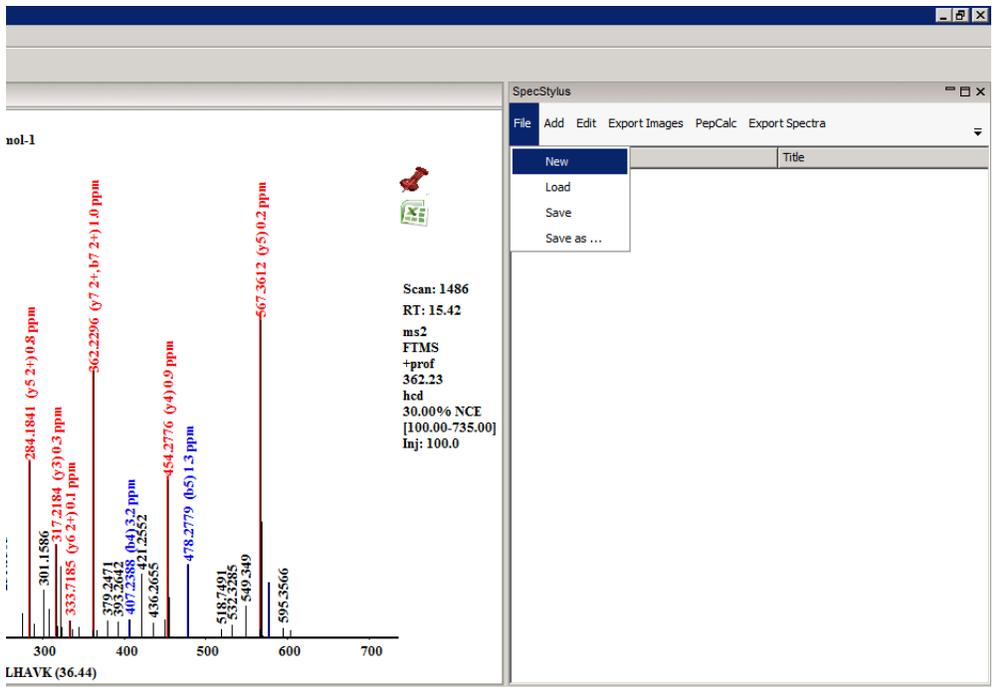


SpecStylus Menu

Click 'Open Specstylus' to open an instance of the spectral notebooking and annotation tool.



To create a new notebook, click File new and enter the notebook name.



Protein Score	Peptide Sequence	Variable Modifications	Experimental m/z	Charge	Predicted m/z	Delta
1586.0	ANIDVK		330.1898	2.0	658.364975	7.3e-05
1586.0	GVLHAVK		362.229	2.0	722.443909	-0.000
1586.0	SVYDSR		363.6748	2.0	725.334412	0.00063
1586.0	NVPLYK		367.2154	2.0	732.417007	-0.0007

Project Name

Project Name

Test Project

OK Cancel

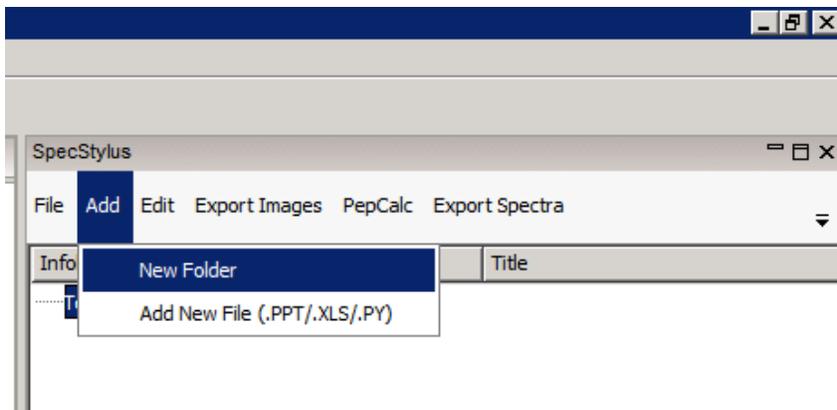
SpecStylus

File Add Edit Export Images PepCalc Export Spectra

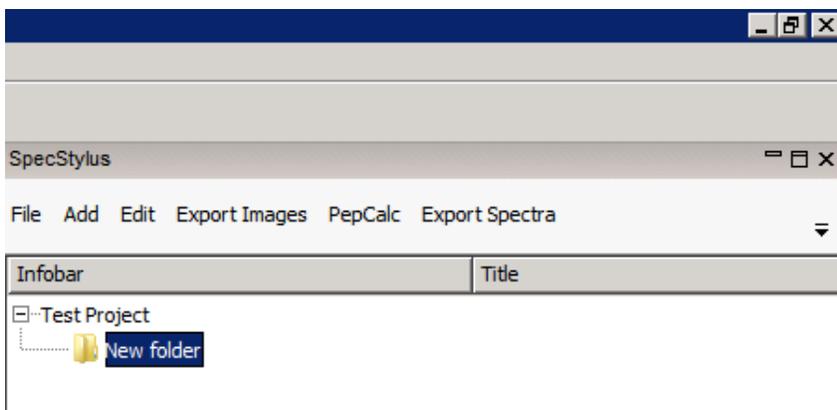
Infobar Title

Test Project

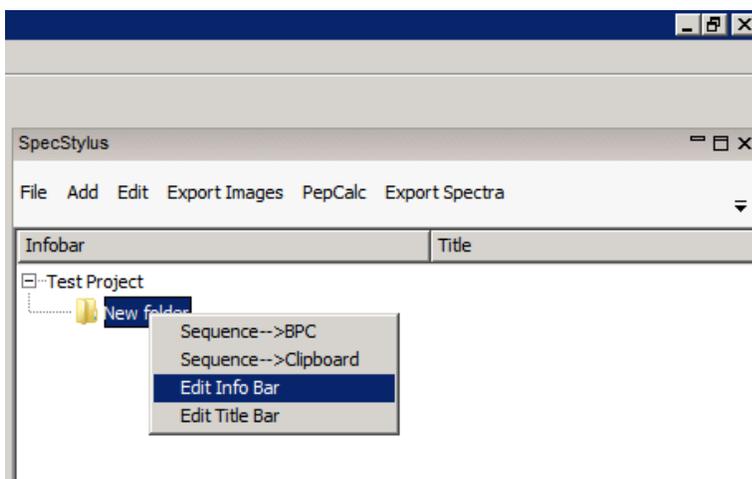
To add a new folder, click Add/New folder.



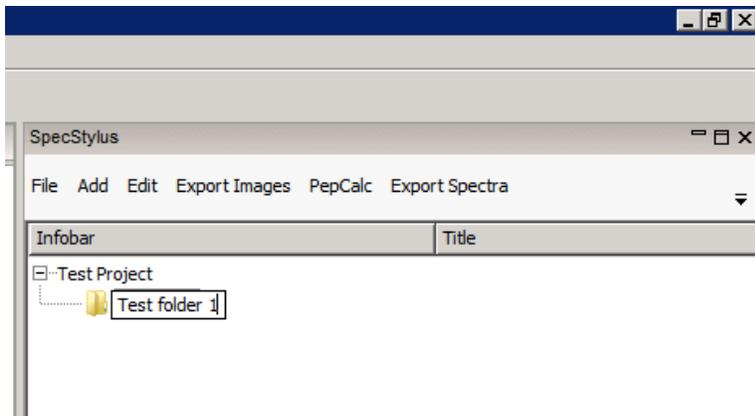
This adds a new folder to the selected node.



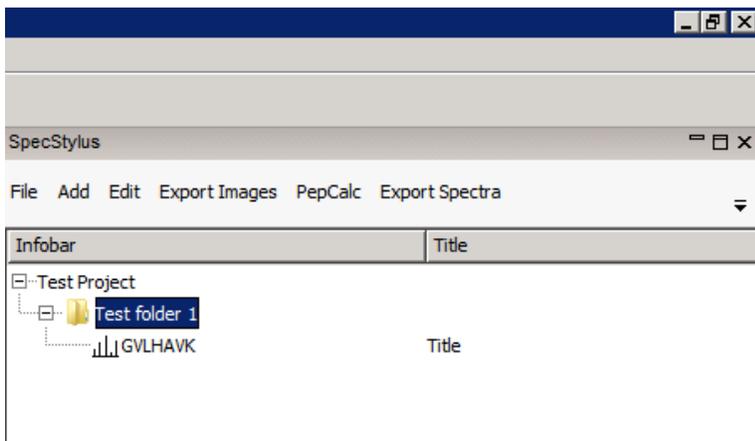
To set the filename, select the newly added folder and right click in the window. Select 'Edit Info Bar'.



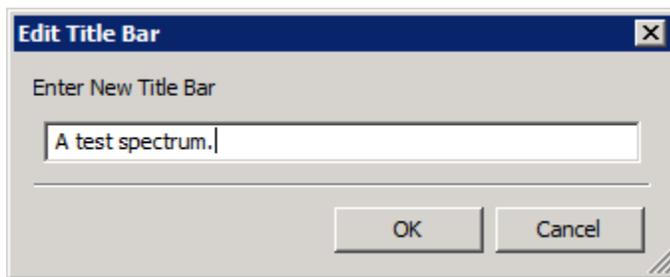
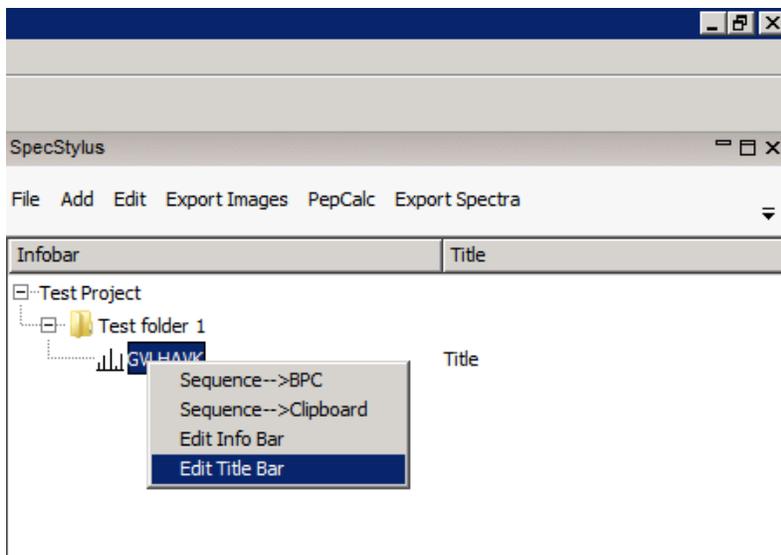
Enter the filename and hit enter.



Spectra and XICs can be added to the SpecStylus by holding down CTRL key, left clicking in the spectrum or XIC window, dragging to the SpecStylus window and dropping it there. They will be added to the selected node.

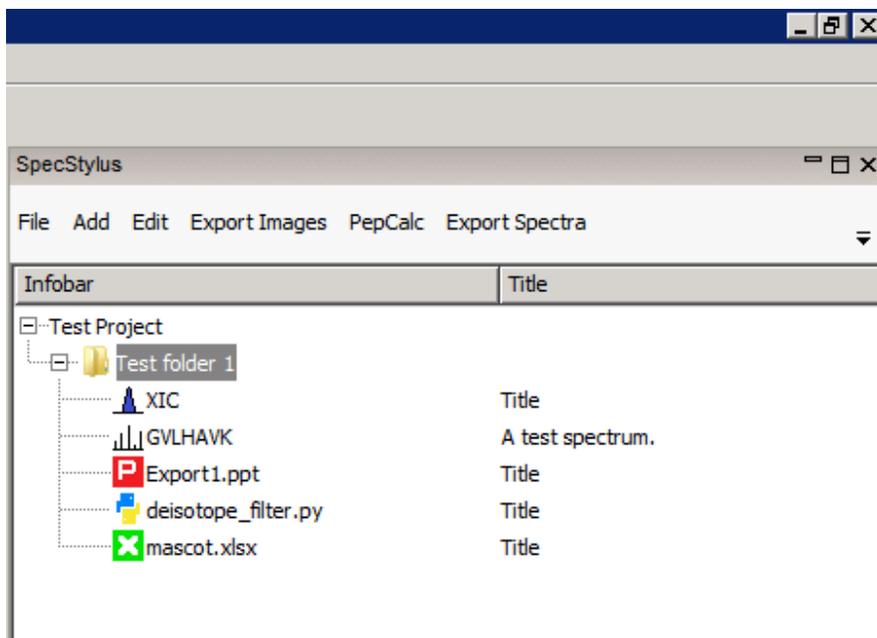


The title can be changed by selecting the spectrum, right clicking in the window, and selecting edit title bar.



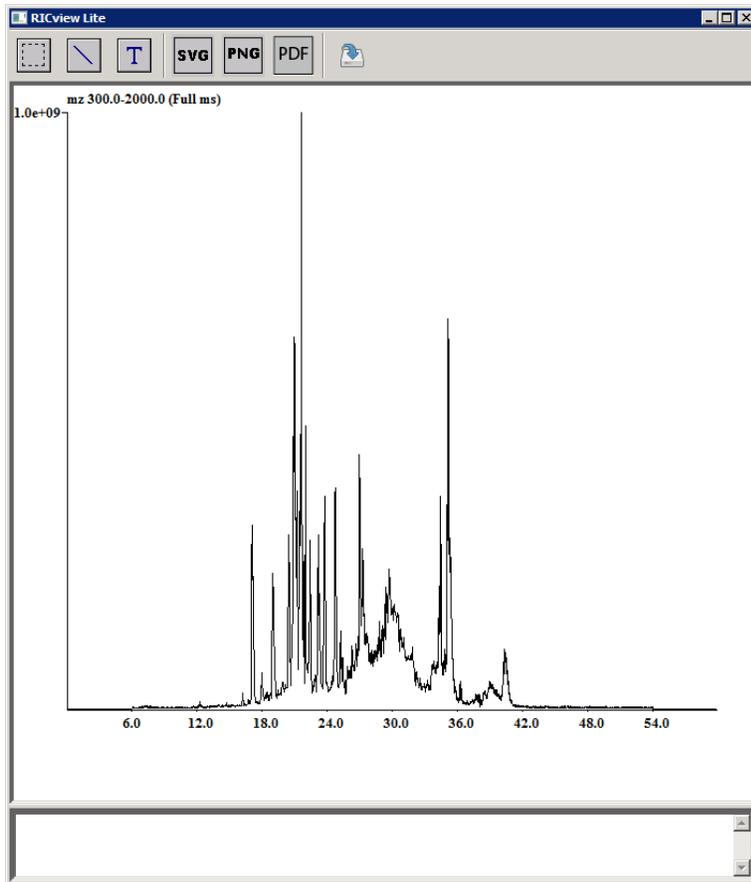
Nodes can be rearranged by selecting the item, and then left clicking and dragging to a new location.

Powerpoint, excel, and python files can be imported into the SpecStylus by drag and drop from the Windows explorer.



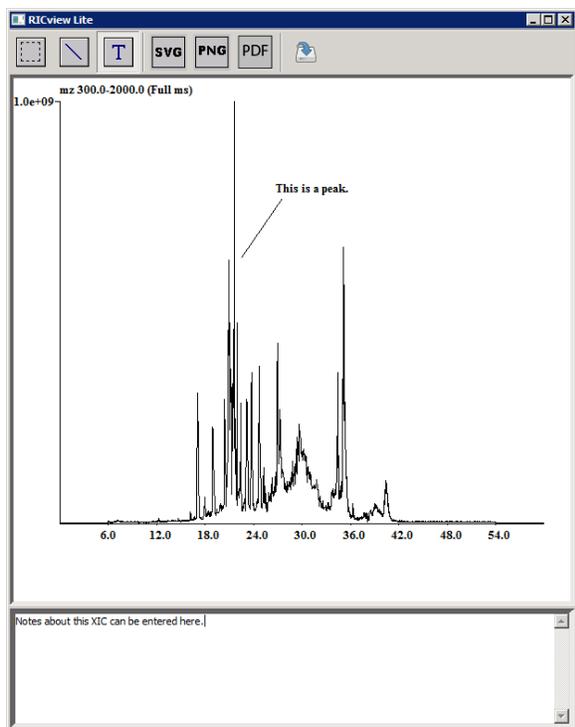
Double clicking each item opens it.

XICs are displayed in 'XICview Lite'.



Here, XICs can be annotated with lines and text by selecting the appropriate widget and drawing the line, or clicking where to place the text.

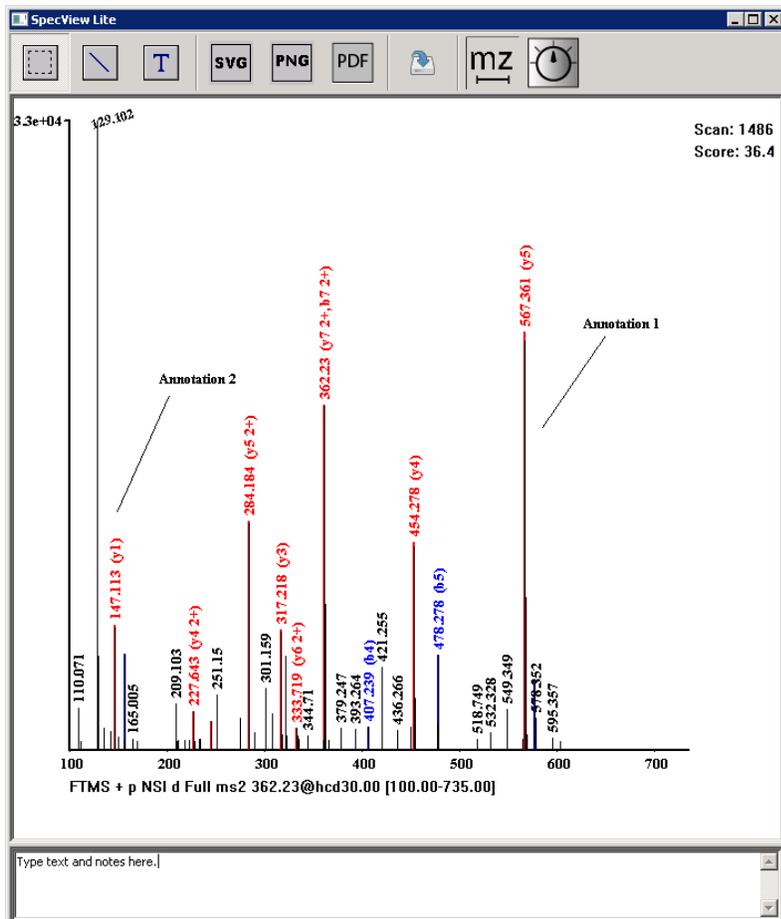
In addition, notes can be entered in the lower text box.



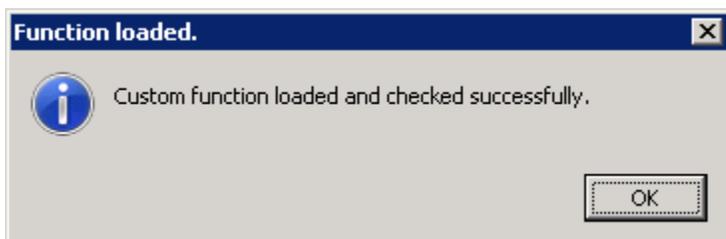
Save button saves the XIC and all annotations. Select allows selecting objects; they can be deleted with the delete key, or repositioned with the mouse. Images can be exported with the SVG, PNG, or PDF buttons.

When a spectrum is dragged to the SpecStylus, associated sequences and annotations are retained. The SpecViewLite toolbar has options for drawing lines, adding text, saving annotations, and exporting images. The mz tool allows zooming to a specific mass range. Typing 1, 2, or 3 will split the mass spectrum on the specified number of x-axes. If this is a processed spectrum (i.e. a custom spectrum processing script was applied to raw data), toggling 'Q' will turn processing on/off. The last tool sets the

fragment ion label tolerance. Entering '0' uses the instrument default (0.02 Da for FTMS instruments, 0.5 Da for all others).



Opening a python script sets it as the currently active “Spectrum Processor”. This is discussed in more detail in the custom script section below.



Specstylus menu items:

File – create new SpecStylus notebook, load and save notebooks.

Add – adds a new folder, or auxiliary file (ppt, xls, py) to the selected node.

Edit – edit or delete item.

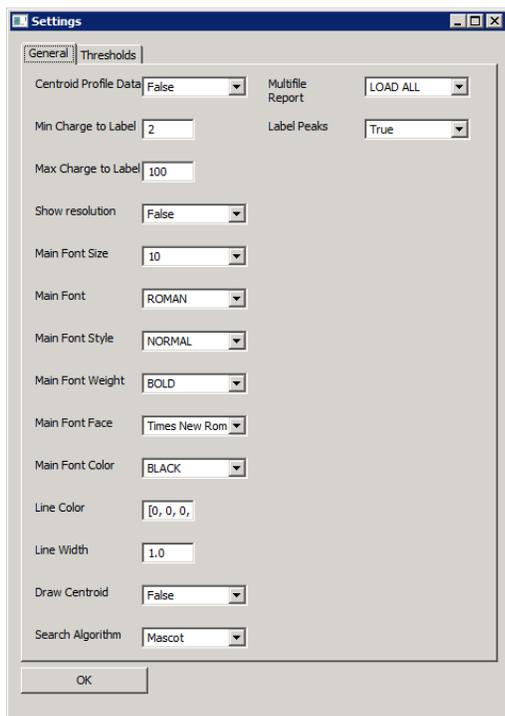
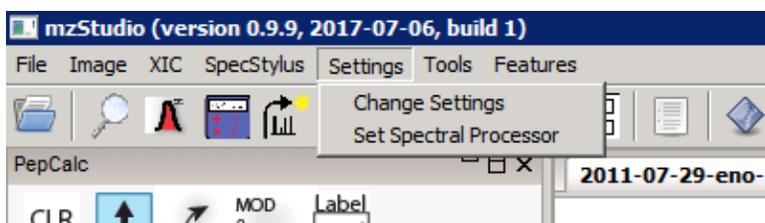
Export images – can export the current XIC or spectrum to ppt, or all spectra and XIC to powerpoint.

PepCalc – open mzPepCalc

Export Spectra – Makes a NIST compatible spectral library that can be used with the NIST search tool.

Settings Menu

Change settings – allows a range of options to be selected.



Centroid profile data (True/False)

Min Charge to label

Max Charge to label

Show resolution

Main font settings: Size, Font, Style, Weight, Face, Color

Line settings: Color, width

Draw centroid – if true, draws centroid over the profile data, if able.

Search algorithm – select Mascot, COMET, or X!Tandem.

Multifile report – when load multiplier search result, can choose to load all relevant data files at once (LOAD ALL), or only load as needed (SEQUENTIAL).

Label Peaks – If True, draws mass label for detected peaks.

Label Threshold – Only draw mass label if signal above this threshold.

Ion label tolerance – tolerance for labeling fragment ions in mass spectra.

Set Spectral Processor: Custom Processing Scripts

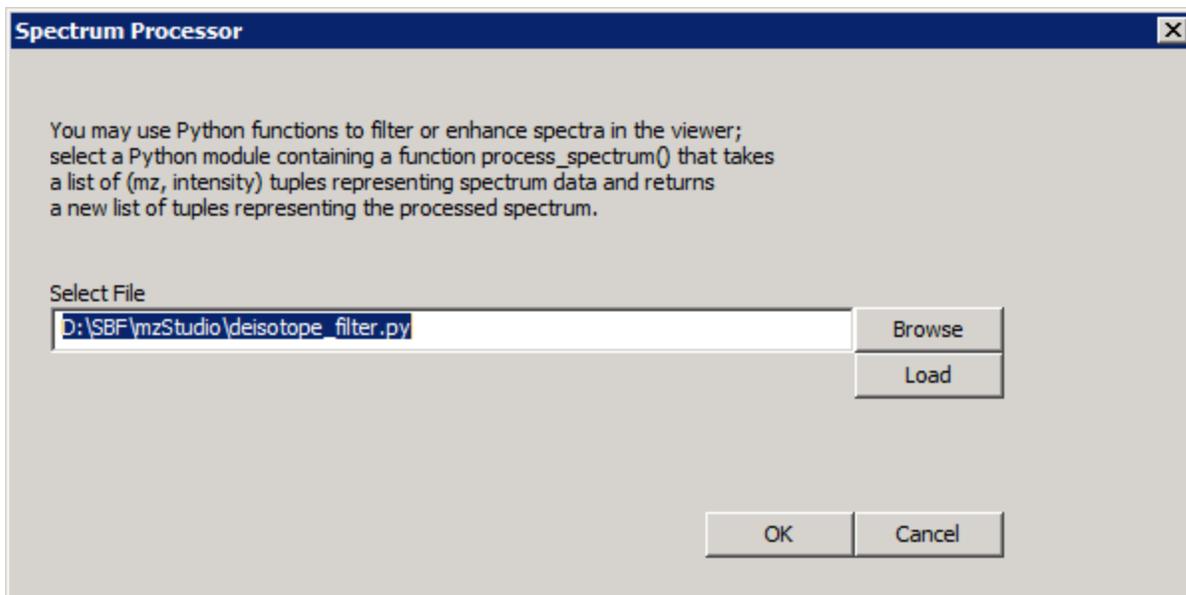
mzStudio allows custom processing scripts to be applied to data. The script should be a .py file with a function called `processor_function()` that accepts a list of (mz, intensity) pairs, processes this data, and then returns a processed list of (mz, intensity) pairs for the mzStudio.

For example `deisotope_filter.py` consists of:

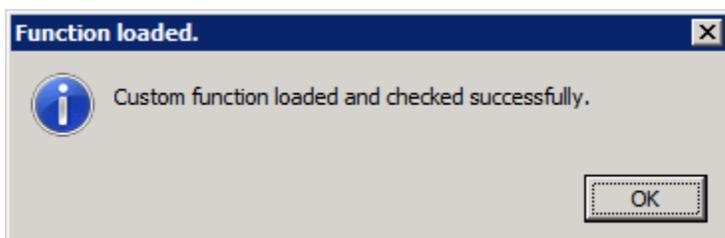
```
from multiplierz.internalAlgorithms import peak_pick

def processor_function(scan):
    envelopes, scan = peak_pick(scan, min_peaks = 2, tolerance = 0.01,
                               enforce_isotopic_ratios = False)
    for chg, chgEnvelopes in envelopes.items():
        for envelope in chgEnvelopes:
            scan.append(envelope[0])
    return scan
```

To select this spectrum as a custom processing script, select Settings/Set Spectral Processor. This opens a dialog:



Browse to the script. Once loaded, if no errors are detected, you should see:



If errors are detected, you may modify the script and click Load to re-load the script.

Press Q to turn on spectrum processing; this will process the scan with the selected script and display the result.

For simplicity, we assume processing scripts will generate centroided data. Therefore, once processing is activated, the 'view centroid' option is selected automatically.

Exemplary spectral processing scripts can be found in the GitHub repository:

https://github.com/BlaisProteomics/mzStudio/tree/master/example_processing_scripts

deiso_reduce_charge_filter.py

Performs deisotoping and charge reduction of HCD data.

deisotope_filter.py

Deisotopes HCD data.

signal_to_noise_filter.py

Performs signal to noise filtering of data (meant for ion trap scans).

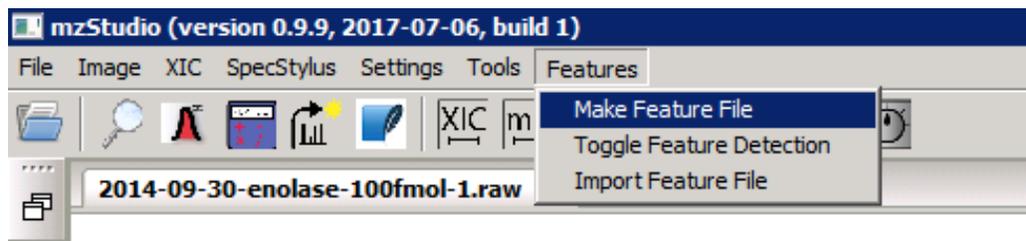
Feature Detection

mzStudio allows visualization of MS1-based spectral features that are detected using the multiplierz feature detection algorithm. For more information on the algorithm, please refer to:

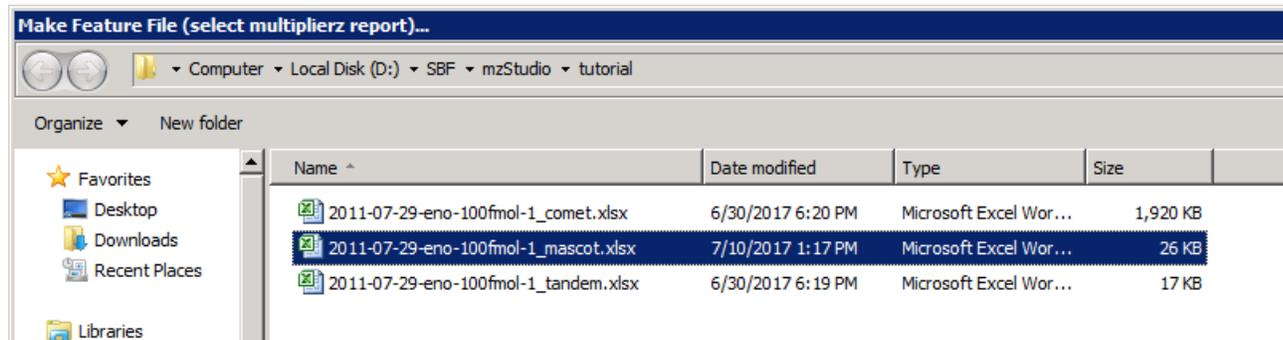
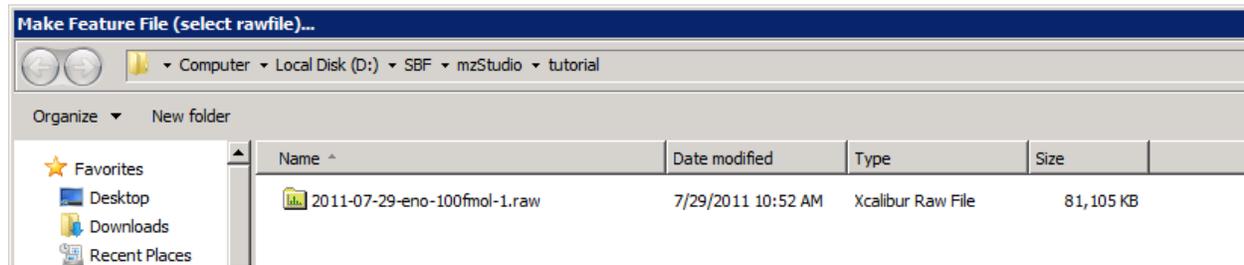
<https://github.com/BlaisProteomics/multiplierz/wiki/multiplierz.mzTools.featureDetection>

A “feature” consists of all peaks in the isotopic envelope of a peptide through its entire elution profile.

Step 1: Make feature file.

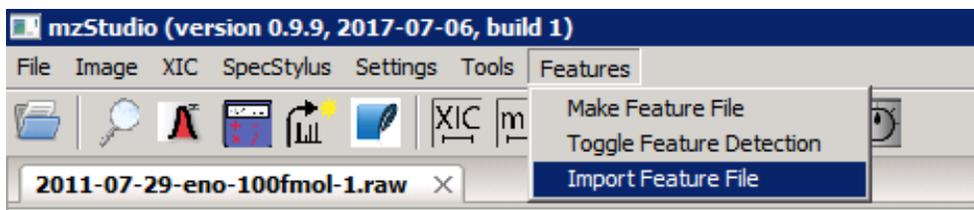


Select raw file, and multiplierz report.

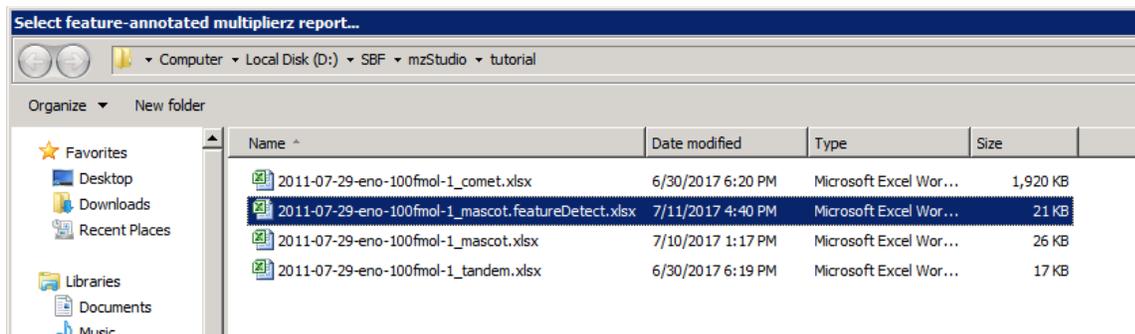


Processing with produce a file containing information about detected features (a .feature file) and a feature annotated excel file where features are mapped to PSMs.

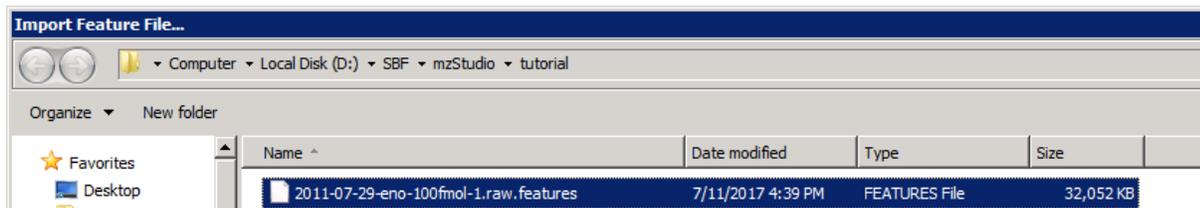
Step 2: Import feature files into mzStudio:



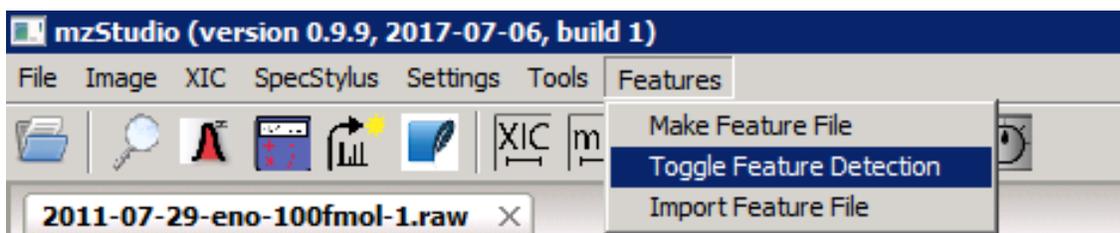
Select the feature annotated xls file:



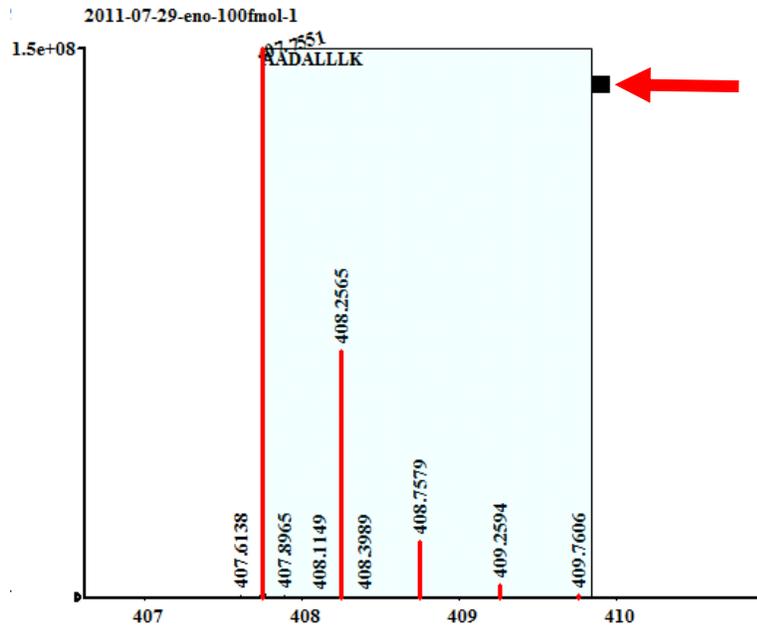
An the feature file:



Step 3: Toggle Feature Detection. This will turn on visualization of features.



Peaks corresponding to features (including isotopes) are highlighted in red. Boxes are drawn around each feature. If the feature has an identified sequence, it is displayed (if not, it will be labeled as 'No ID').



Clicking on a feature tab opens a window containing a list of MS1 scans where the feature was detected and corresponding MS/MS scans that map to the feature:

Feature # 1

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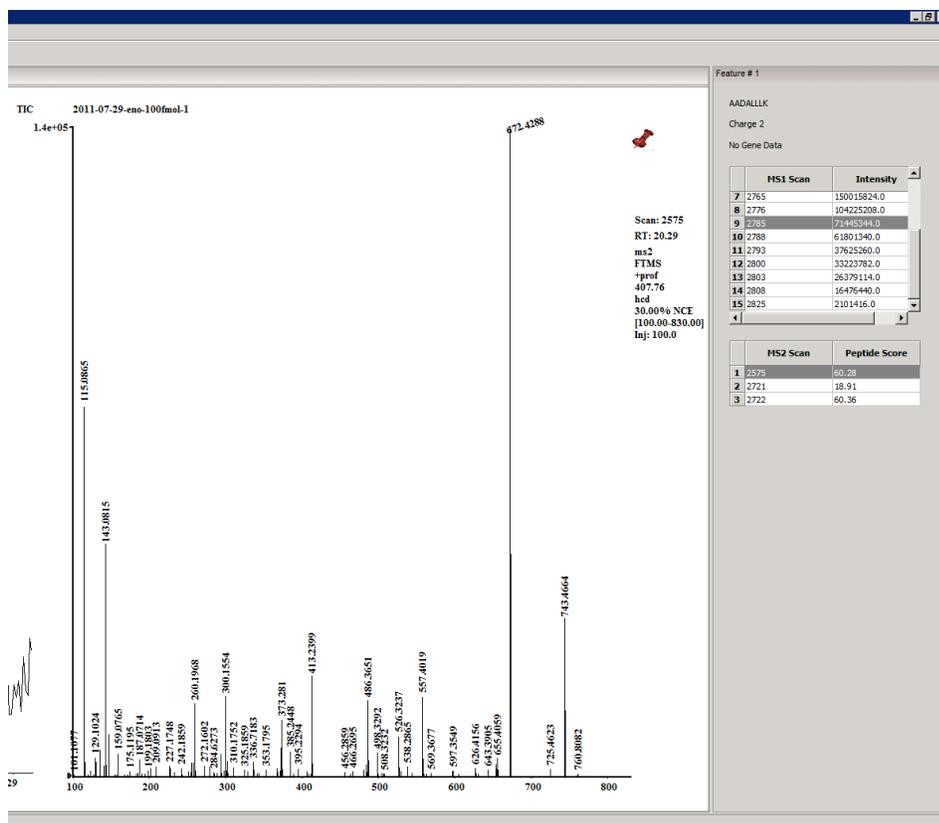
Charge 2

No Gene Data

	MS1 Scan	Intensity
1	2565	145916.671875
2	2580	196795.093375
3	2601	98592.859375
4	2720	2641219.25
5	2741	164207952.0
6	2756	144446528.0
7	2765	150015824.0
8	2776	104225208.0
9	2785	71445344.0

	MS2 Scan	Peptide Score
1	2575	60.28
2	2721	18.91
3	2722	60.36

Clicking on a row label navigates to the selected scan.



Support for Stable Isotope Labeling Workflows

mzStudio has features useful for SILAC and iTRAQ/TMT experiments.

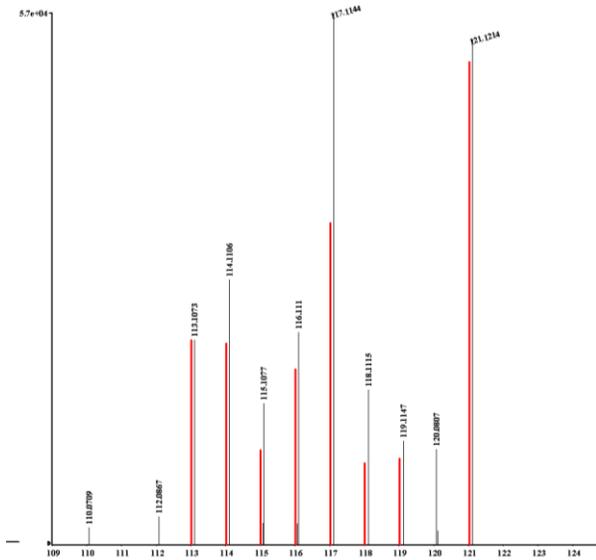
To zoom into the TMT reporter ion region, type **'T'**. Similarly, type **'i'** or **'8'** to zoom in to reporter regions for 4 or 8 plex iTRAQ.

mzStudio supports viewing reporter ion signals corrected for source protein variation. To view corrected reporter ion signals, prepare a csv file with the following format:

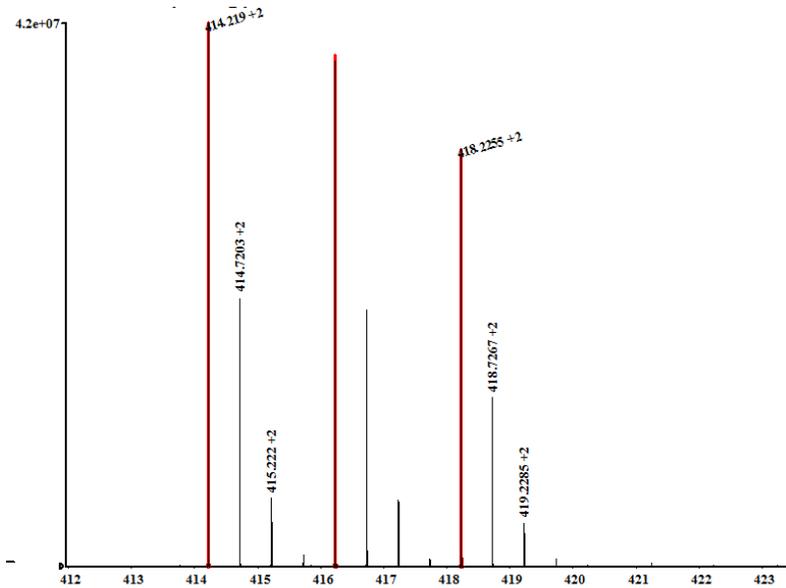
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113.11      1
114.11  0.760657
115.11  0.671192
116.11  0.825841
117.11  0.605796
118.11  0.528015
119.11   0.8329
121.12  0.955312
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This file contains each reporter ion m/z followed by its experimentally determined correction factor.

Press '4' to browse to and load this csv file. Once selected, source protein variation corrected signals will be drawn to the left of each peak.



In a multiplier report from a SILAC experiment, the SILAC labels are detected from the Mascot_Header worksheet (QUANTITATION METHOD row). When a SILAC experiment is detected, clicking on a PSM in the mzReport grid will navigate to the MS2 scan. If you press +/- or <> to navigate to the MS1 scan, mzStudio will highlight light, medium, and heavy analogues corresponding to the PSM.

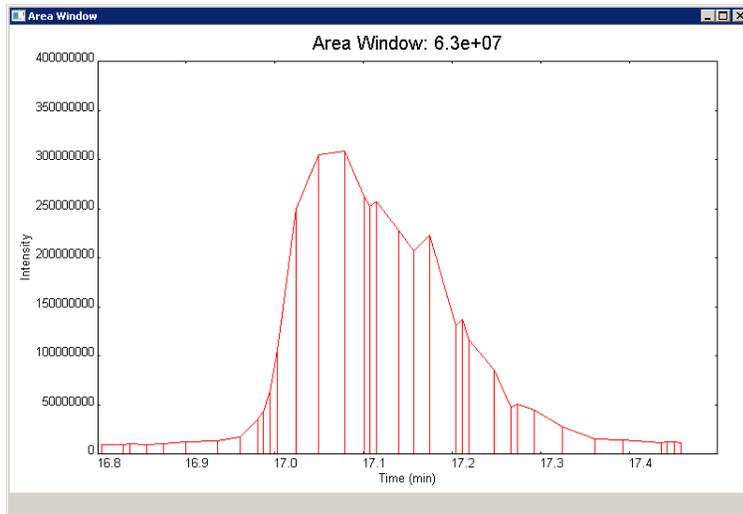


Peak Areas

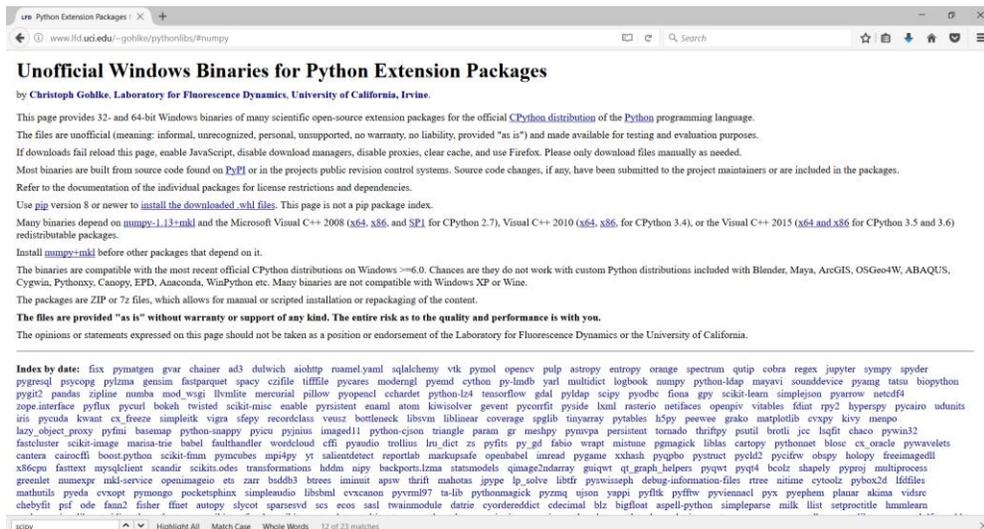
Peak integration can be performed by right click and drag within the XIC window. There are two possible methods for integration, sum and gaussian fit. The method used is selected in the settings menu. SUM is the default method.



This method simply calculates the sum of (width*height) of rectangles across the selected range, where width is $\text{time}[n+1] - \text{time}[n]$ and height is $(\text{intensity}[n+1] + \text{intensity}[n])/2$ (from 1 to n-1).



To use the Gaussian fit method, you first must install Scipy, which requires numpy+mkl. A handy place to obtain modules like these is Gohlke's site: <http://www.lfd.uci.edu/%7Egohlke/pythonlibs/>

A screenshot of a web browser window displaying the 'Unofficial Windows Binaries for Python Extension Packages' page. The page title is 'Unofficial Windows Binaries for Python Extension Packages' and the author is 'by Christoph Gohlke, Laboratory for Fluorescence Dynamics, University of California, Irvine'. The page contains text explaining that it provides 32-bit and 64-bit Windows binaries for many scientific open-source extension packages for the official CPython distribution of the Python programming language. It also includes instructions on how to use the binaries, such as installing the downloaded .whl files and using pip version 8 or newer. The page footer contains a list of packages available for download, including numpy, scipy, pandas, and many others.

Download numpy (+ mkl):

[numpy-1.13.1+mkl-cp27-cp27m-win_amd64.whl](#)

Install the whl file with pip:

```
Command Prompt
Microsoft Windows [Version 10.0.15063]
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C:\Users\Scott>C:\python27\scripts\pip install C:\Users\Scott\Downloads\numpy-1.13.1+mkl-cp27-cp27m-win_amd64.whl
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Download scipy:

[scipy-0.19.1-cp27-cp27m-win_amd64.whl](#)

Install the whl file with pip;

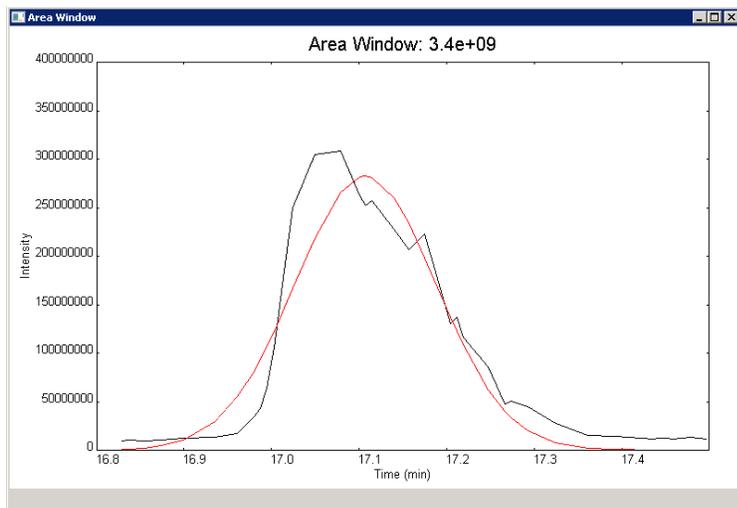
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Command Prompt - C:\python27\scripts\pip install C:\Users\Scott\Downloads\scipy-0.19.1-cp27-cp27m-win_amd64.whl
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Select GUASSIAN under area algorithm:



Now right click and drag across a peak performs a Gaussian fit of the data.



A handy way to keep track of areas is with the area bank tool from the tools menu:



When this tool is open, all integration values are appended to the bank (tab delimiter).

Use the copy button to copy all the values for pasting into excel.

Managing Windows

mzStudio uses the AUI/AGW (advanced user interface/advanced generic widgets) docking library. AUI panes may be floated and docked to optimize visualization. If the spectrum/XIC window is too small, you will see a message “Can’t display! Resize!”. When you are ready to view the window, just re-adjust the window splitters until you can see the data displayed.

Compatibility

mzStudio interacts with COMET, X!Tandem, and files from Proteome Discover. Changes or updates to these software packages may impact usability.

We have tested mzStudio with:

COMET version 2016013

X!Tandem version tandem-win-17-02-01-4.

Mascot 2.2-2.5.

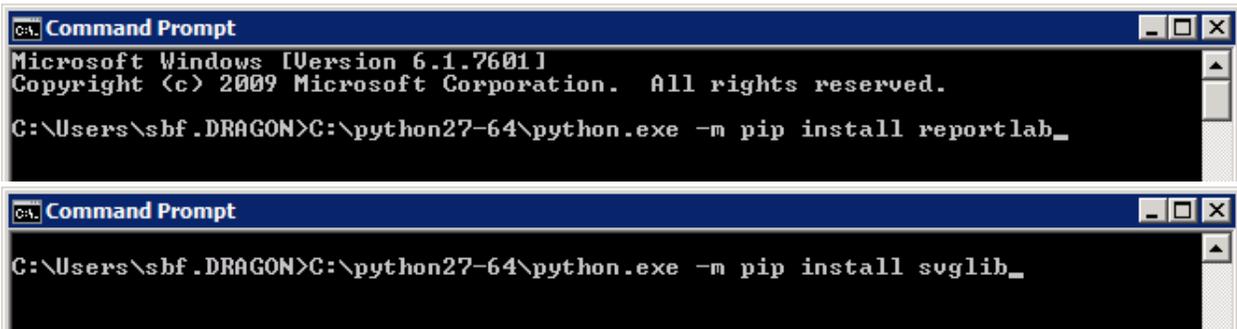
Proteome Discoverer version 2.1.0.81

mzStudio has been successfully installed on 64 bit Windows server 2008, Windows 7, and Windows 10 operating systems.

Exporting PDFs

To export PDFs, two additional python libraries need to be installed: svglib and reportlab.

Both are easily installed with pip:



```
C:\Users\sbf.DRAGON>C:\python27-64\python.exe -m pip install reportlab_  
C:\Users\sbf.DRAGON>C:\python27-64\python.exe -m pip install svglib_
```

[Installing COMET, X!Tandem](#)

COMET

Go to sourceforge, and download comet_2016013.zip. Extract files to an appropriate directory.

<https://sourceforge.net/projects/comet-ms/files/>

comet_2016013.zip

X!Tandem

Go to the X!Tandem ftp site and download tandem-win-17-02-01-4.zip. Extract files to an appropriate directory.

<ftp://ftp.thegpm.org/projects/tandem/source/>

tandem-win-17-02-01-4.zip

[Configuring Comet, X!Tandem and Mascot for use with mzStudio](#)

OVERVIEW

To configure search engines with mzStudio, navigate to the settings file in your *multiplierz* directory, which will be found at

C:\Users*<your username>*\.multiplierz\settings.txt

To enable Comet and X!Tandem, indicate the path of the respective executable(s) in the 'comet directory' or 'xtandem directory' fields. To enable Mascot, set the 'mascot server' field to the URL of your Mascot server (e.g., http://my_server.com/mascot), set the 'mascot version' field to the appropriate version number (e.g., 2.5) and, if you have Mascot security enabled, the 'mascot security' field to 1.

DETAILED CONFIGURATION GUIDE

MASCOT

As mentioned above, to set up mzStudio to perform Mascot searches, go to your ".multiplierz" folder in your User directory and open Settings.txt with notepad or another text editor:

```
C:\Users\sbf.DRAGON\.multiplierz
```

(Note, the directory will be specific to your user account).

Open Settings.txt

Enter your Mascot Server IP address, version, and other settings (see Mascot user's guide for further information about each setting):

```
# Mascot
mascot server=http://cys.dfc.harvard.edu/mascot
mascot version=2.4
mascot ms2=1
mascot security=1
mascot var_mods=1
mascot max hits=100000
mascot ion cutoff=5
mascot bold red=False
mascot show input query=True
mascot rank one only=True
mascot pep quant=False
mascot retain DAT=False
mascot genbank=False
mascot sub-set hits=True
mascot protein summary=False
mascot p2g=False
mascot mzid=False
mascot same-set hits=True
```

COMET

Open the settings.txt file as described above, and set the path to your COMET executable:

```
# Comet
```

```
comet directory=C:\Users\sbf.DRAGON\Downloads\comet_2016013\comet.2016013.win64.exe
```

X!Tandem

Open the settings.txt file as described above, and set the path to your X!Tandem executable:

```
# XTandem
```

```
xtandem directory=C:\Users\sbf.DRAGON\Downloads\tandem-win64-17-02-01-4\tandem.exe
```

Known issues

We are currently working to address the following known issues:

- (1) mzStudio will currently not open ABSciex files with MRM data.

We are currently adding code to the COM object to allow reading MRM data.

This update should appear in a couple of weeks.