

# A Brief History of Thermo Fisher (High Resolution) Mass Spectrometry in Bremen

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### Where is Bremen?





# Bremen, Germany - Central Location in Europe





# Bremen City



Town Musicians – Symbol of the City







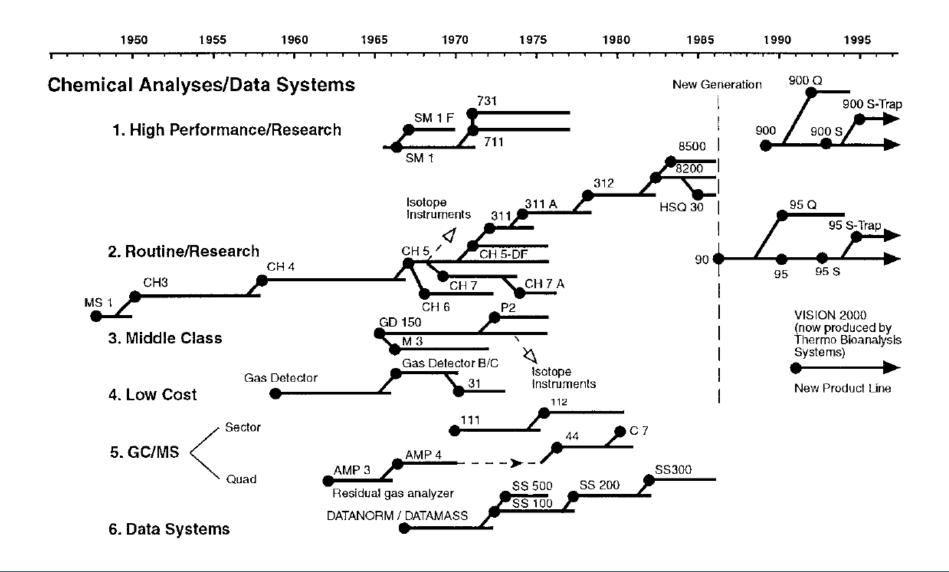


History of Thermo Fisher

Mass Spectrometry in Bremen

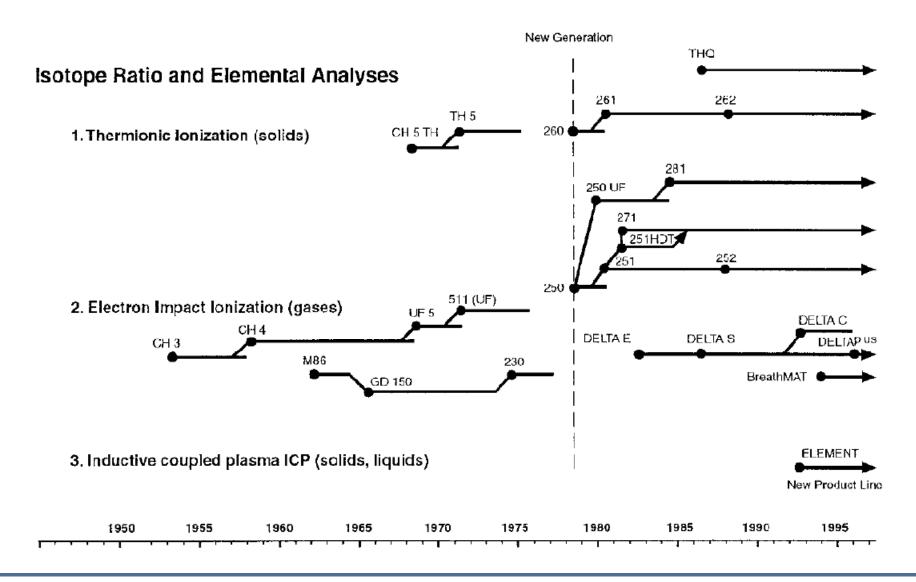
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# "Organic" MS Family Tree of MAT in Bremen





### "Inorganic" MS Family Tree





### The Roots – The Atlas Factory in Bremen

- 1902, Jan 15 founded in Bremen, Germany
  - as Norddeutsche Maschinen- und Armaturenfabrik GmbH
  - Ship yard (to 1,500 mt), aux. power units, spec devices
- 1911 Name changed to Atlas Werke AG
- 1913 2,000 employees
- 1943 3,100 employees, partialy destroyed during the war
  - Seawater treatment plants
  - Sonars und sound detectors
- 1945 Reconstruction
  - No shipbuilding, only machinery and instruments
- 1947 Atlas MAT division (Measurement and Analysis Technique)
  - Started as a private part time initiative by Ludolf Jenkel



### ATLAS MAT in Bremen

### **Dr. Ludolf Jenckel** (Physicist, Atlas Werke AG)

- Inspired by Wilhelm Walcher, Prof of Physics, Univ Göttingen,
- Developed in 1 year together with one colleague the first MS prototype in the cellar of a hospital, called MS1
- Magnet came from his teacher Walcher
- Mounted on a wooden frame

After completion he persuaded Atlas AG to set up a division for MS:

### 1947 Atlas MAT was founded!

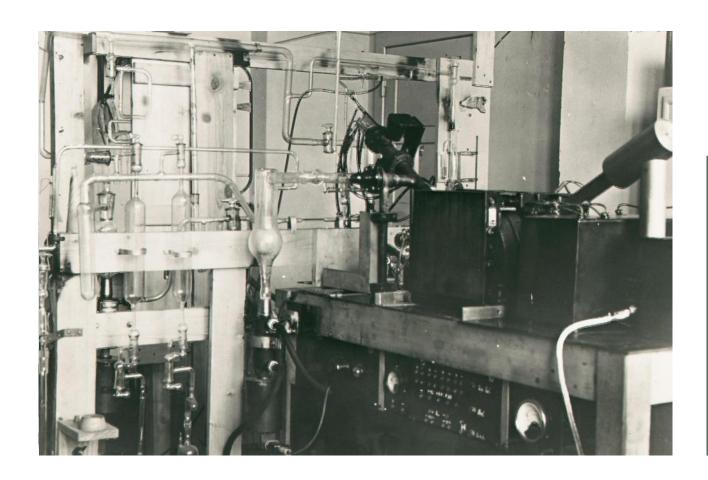
Measurement and Analysis Technique

First unit sold to the BAYER AG Leverkusen, Germany

Companies in England (MetroVick/AEI) and the US (CEC) already sold commercial mass specs.



# *MS1* – The First MS Prototype



#### Inlet

All glas
(made biggest
headaches)
Volatile samples only

### Analyzer

Single focussing

#### Also called

"The Wooden Bench"



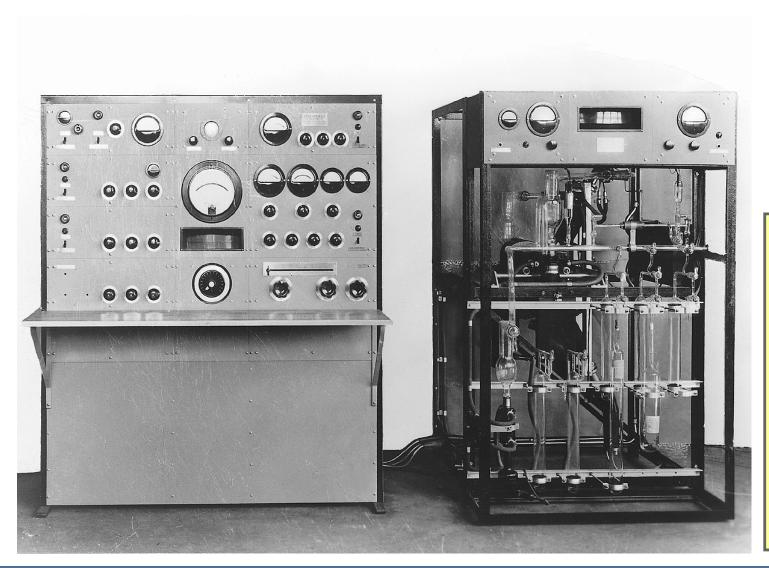
### The Atlas MAT Upswing

- 1947 *CH1*
- 1950 *CH3* 
  - First series instrument (R 300)
  - Volatile samples only
- 1958 CH4
  - 60° sector, 400 installations
  - Suitable for non-volatile samples
  - Curiosity: GC coupling
    - Market feedback "no use"
- 1960s MAT 31
  - Leak detector, smallest magnet ever

- 1947 Atlas MAT Division
  - 1954 20 employees
  - 1956 28 employees
  - 1956 new own building
  - Competitors
    - US:CEC (RGAs),
    - UK MetroVick/AEI (Beynon, Swansea university) double focussing HRMS, accurate mass)
- 1956 Thermo Electron
  - Incorporated by George Hatsopoulos as MIT student



### CH3 – Photo of the Prototype (1950)



1952 Exhibited at the Achema show in Frankfurt

Resolution 300

1954
Sales volume
100.000\$ per
year.
Not enough for a
division with 20
people



### CH4 – First Success (1958)



### 1967

> 400 units installed Applications

Coffee aroma

Perfumes

Cigarette smoke

MAT expanded

### GC-CH4

Launch at ACHEMA as curiosity



### CH4 - First Vacuum Lock for Solid Sample Inlet (1960)

- Before all MS could only be used for volatile samples (all glas inlet)
- Innovation "Solid sample inlet"
  - A "boat" with sample in mg amount was pushed into the ion source





### MAT31 – VAMS RGA Residue Gas Analyzer (1960)



Mass Range 1 – 110 Da

Resolution 44

Sensitivity
5x10<sup>-12</sup> Torr Ar
partial pressure

### The 60s – Varian MAT

- 1962 *AMP2* 
  - First quadrupole RGA
- 1966 *SM1* 
  - Double focussing (organic)
  - SM1 F (inorganic, spark source)
  - MAT 731 (photoplate recording)
     1967 Varian MAT
  - MAT 711 (magnetic scan)
- 1967 *CH5* 
  - fully transistorized circuits!
  - R 10 000 !
- 1970 *CH5-DF* > *MAT311* 
  - Reverse Nier-Johnson BE config
  - MS/MS, R > 20 000

- 1962 Atlas MAT
  - Now independent from Atlas
  - 1965 \$ 4m revenue
  - 400 Employees
- 1966 Krupp Atlas MAT
- - M66 cycloidal HRMS
  - Market went for CH5
  - 1971 \$ 10m revenue
  - 600 Employees
- 1967 Finnigan Corp founded



### *SM1* - Mattauch-Herzog Geometry (1966)



#### 1966

High End MS

The first double focussing MS

Datasystem

DATANORM

#### Later:

MAT 731: Photoplate MAT 711: B Scan SM1 F: Spark source

#### But:

High production cost thus high priced MS

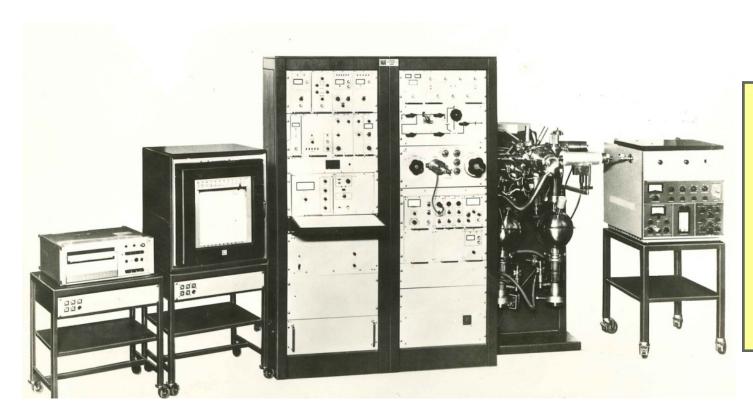
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### MAT 711 / 731 - Mattauch-Herzog Geometry



### CH5 – High Resolution Routine MS (1967)



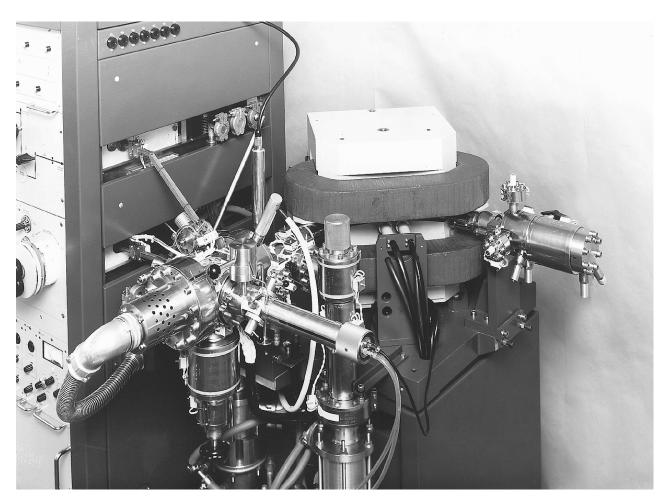
For routine analysis
Single focussing
GC coupling
Double focussing
optional

#### Resolution

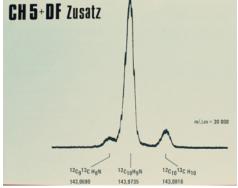
> 10 000

> 30 000 CH5-DF

### CH5 Magnet - CH5 was built until 1975



1971 CH5-DF double focusing MS for routine analysis R > 30 000 143,0735 143,0816





### Growth in the 70s and 80s – Finnigan MAT

- 1971 *MAT111* "Gnome"
  - First compact GC-MS System
- 1975 *MAT112* 
  - R 10 000
- 1977 MAT44
  - First fully computer contr. MS
  - R 12 000 (50%)
  - Hyperbolic Quads (1 μm prec.!)
     1981 Finnigan MAT
- 1978 *MAT312*
- 1982 *8200*
- 1986 *MAT90* 
  - First fully computer contr. HRMS
- 1990 *MAT95*

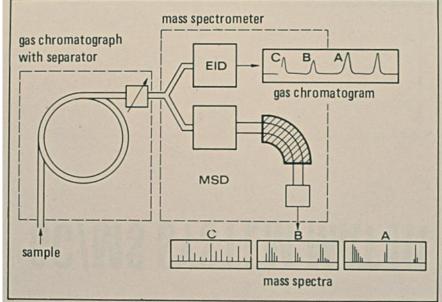
- Competitor
  - LKB9000 GC-HRMS (Sweden)
- 1976 New building
  - 14 000 m<sup>2</sup>
  - > 1000 MS systems shipped
- - Appl. lab moved from Munic to Bremen
- 1990 Thermo Electron
  - ThermoQuest



### MAT 111 "Gnome" - First Routine GC-MS (1971)



- Resolution 1 000
  - Single focussing



- GC-MS sensitivity specs
  - 30 ng Methylstearate for a full spectrum
  - On Varian Aerograph packed column
  - 2 detectors EID (chro) and MSD (spectra)



### MAT 311- Double Focusing MS, BE Config. (1972)



### GC? Maximum Resolution? No GC – But R 20,000

With SS100 Data System - More than 1000 instruments sold by 1976 MAT became a leading MS manufacturer worldwide



# MAT 44 - First Hyperbolic Quadrupole GC-MS (1977)



#### Resolution

> 4 000 (10% val.) @ 1166/1167 Da

#### Sensitivity

1 ng Me-Stearate S/N 20:1

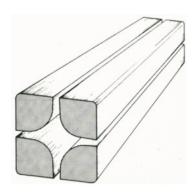
(CI 1 ng BZP 50:1)

### Data System

SS 200

64 k memory

4.7 Mb Dual Floppy Disk storage



# *MAT 8200* – High Res GC-MS (1982 – 1986)



# Routine GC-HRMS

# First Dioxin measurements!

#### But:

Flexible GC transfer line with poor performance



# HSQ 30 (1985) - BE-QQ - The First Hybrid System





LTQ Orbitrap XL Current Hybrid MS



### MAT 90 Series – First Digital Frame Control (1987)



- MAT90: The first completely computer controlled MS on the market
  - DEC Alpha data system
  - Electronics easily accessible in the back wall



### MAT 90 Series: Direct Predecessor of the DFS

- 1987 MAT 90
- 1992 MAT 95
- 1995 MAT 95 S
- 1998 MAT 95 XL
- 2001 MAT 95 XP



#### 2003

#### MAT95 XP

Ion optics and electronics design now dated back more than 15 years Dual GC configuration as answer on demand for increased sample throughput



### New Era – Thermo Fisher Scientific

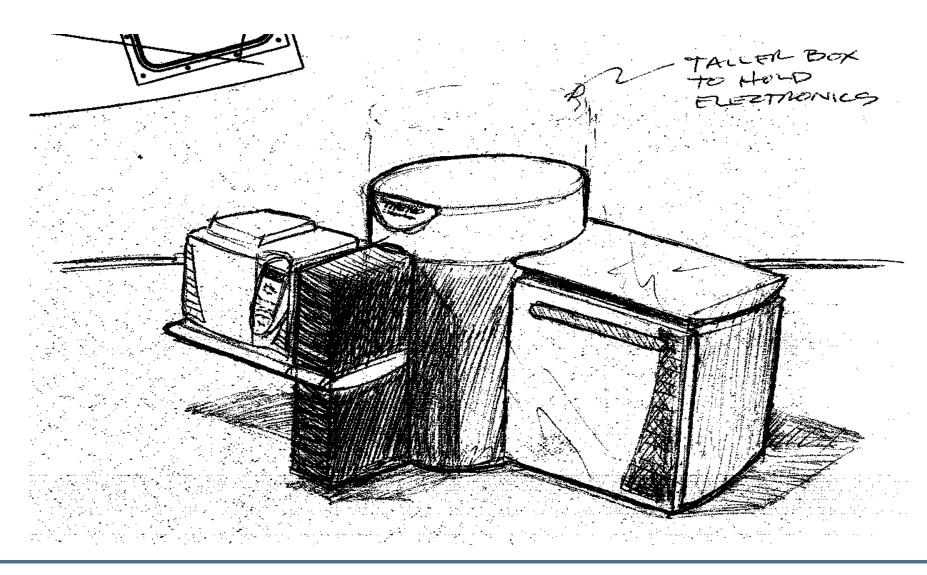
- 2005 DFS GC-HRMS
  - Toronto Dioxin Conference

- 2006 DFS Dual Data Acqu.
  - Oslo Dioxin Conf
- 2010 DFS market leading
  - ships >2/3 with Dual GC config

- 2004 New Facilities Opened
  - 4 Storey Building
    - Assembly
    - Testing
    - Applications Lab
    - R&D
  - At Bremen Airport
- 2006 Thermo Fisher Scientific
- 2011 POPs
  - Center of Excellence in Bremen
- 2012 Expanded Facilities
  - Double the space



# **DFS** – A First Design Sketch



### **DFS** - High Resolution GC-MS (2005)



Today 70 % used as **Dual GC-MS instrument** 

Resolution > 80,000

20 fg TCDD with S/N > 200:1

Designed for quick installation, low power consumption, small footprint, and high sample throughput

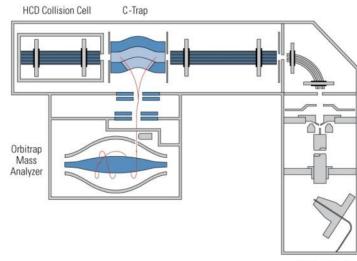


### Orbitrap Innovation – FT-MS with Highest Resolution



### **Exactive LC-Orbitrap**

• Benchtop Routine LC-HRMS<sup>n</sup>



API Ion Source

#### Resolution

100,000 at 1 scan/s 10,000 at 10 scans/s

Mass accuracy

< 2 ppm

Scan speed

Up to 10 scans/s

Mass Range

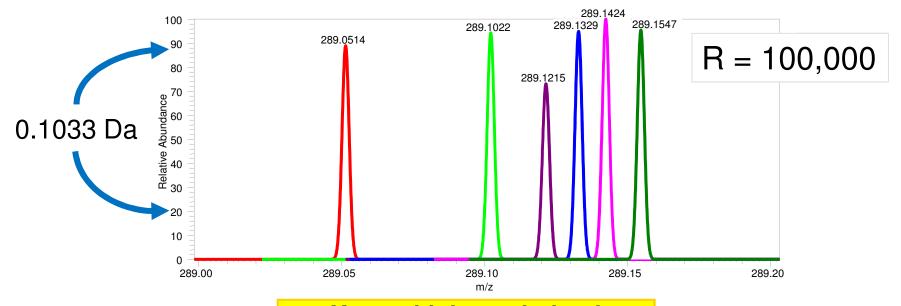
m/z 50 - 4000



# Isobaric Pesticide Compounds and Exact Mass

Element	<b>Nominal</b>	<b>Exact Mass</b>
Н	1	1.007825
C	12	12.000000
N	14	14.003074
0	16	15.994915

Is a simultaneous measurement possible?



Yes, at high resolution!

Not a Fiction – Available Today.



# New Facility since December 2004

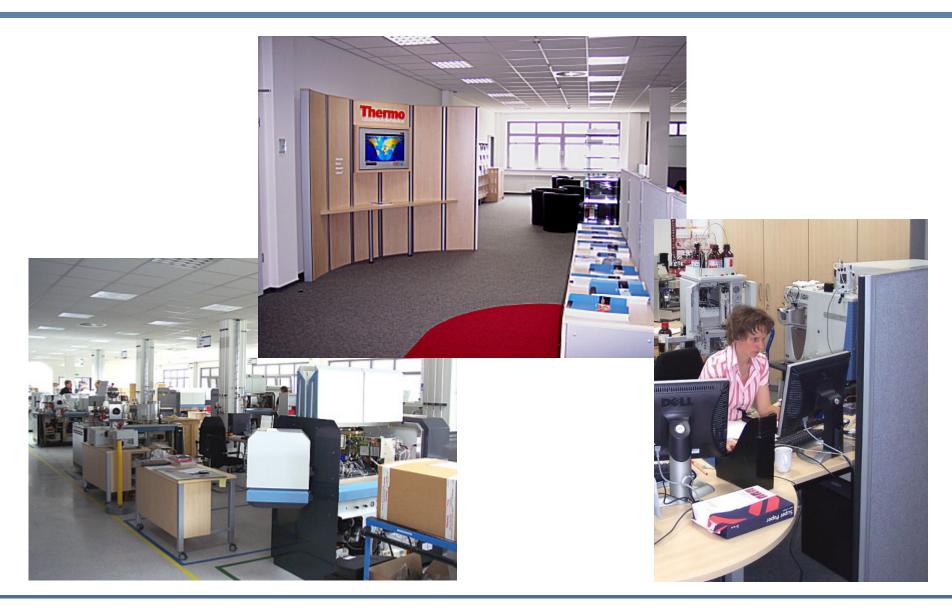




# **Thermo** Fisher Bremen Facility – Air View



# Application Laboratory and Final Test





### Thermo Fisher Bremen Product Portfolio

Focus on Innovation – High Resolution and Magnetic Sector MS Technology









### Thermo Scientific – GC-MS Solutions at Every Level



#### ITQ Ion Trap GC-MS/MS

- ✓ Most powerful ion trap
- √ Highly economic





#### **DFS**

Magnetic Sector GC-HRMS

- ✓ Confirmation analysis
- √The reference Gold Standard

#### **TSQ Quantum XLS**

Triple Quadrupole GC-MS/MS

- √ Highest sensitivity for matrix samples
- ✓ Multi target compound quantitation

#### **ISQ**

Single Quadrupole GC-MS

- √The Workhorse for regulated methods
- ✓ Unstoppable productivity



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