

SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIAL

Internal Energy Deposition in Dielectric Barrier Discharge Ionization is Significantly Lower than in Direct Analysis in Real Time Mass Spectrometry

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Table S1. Calculated 4-substituted benzylamine proton affinities (PA) and benzylammonium BDEs (kJ mol⁻¹; 298 K) using CAM-B3LYP/6-311++G(d,p) from the literature.^[1]

| Substitution | PA | BDE |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|------------|
| -C(CH ₃) ₃ | 930.4 | 134.5 |
| -CH ₃ | 927.7 | 139.7 |
| -H | 919.2 | 163.4 |
| -F | 906.5 | 152.8 |
| -CF ₃ | 883.6 | 184.5 |

Table S2. Fitting parameters and uncertainty values for the best fit curves using a sigmoid function for the data in Figures 3 to 7; $f(x) = 1/(1+\exp[(x_0-x)/m])$.

| | Figure | x₀ | m |
|---------------|-------------------------|----------------------|------------|
| Fig. 3 | LTP (blue) | 126.13±8.24 | 35.74±8.12 |
| | APCI (brown) | 189.62±5.25 | 24.52±4.67 |
| | DART (red) | 251.66±3.07 | 37.67±1.44 |
| Fig. 4 | 150°C (red line) | 162.11±6.57 | 31.89±6.45 |
| | 250°C (dashed red line) | 251.66±3.07 | 37.67±1.44 |
| Fig. 5 | Water (blue) | 162.12±6.66 | 31.91±6.54 |
| | Methanol (brown) | 169.29±5.38 | 26.23±4.50 |
| | Acetonitrile (red) | 178.02±4.01 | 21.58±3.94 |
| Fig. 6 | 25 mm (blue) | 151.96±5.21 | 27.12±4.91 |
| | 18 mm (brown) | 161.45±5.11 | 25.43±4.72 |
| | 10 mm (red) | 166.21±5.97 | 28.25±5.64 |
| Fig. 7 | 150°C (blue) | 149.39±5.64 | 27.83±5.35 |
| | 250°C (brown) | 155.19±5.33 | 27.11±5.02 |
| | 350°C (red) | 169.57±5.48 | 28.55±5.16 |

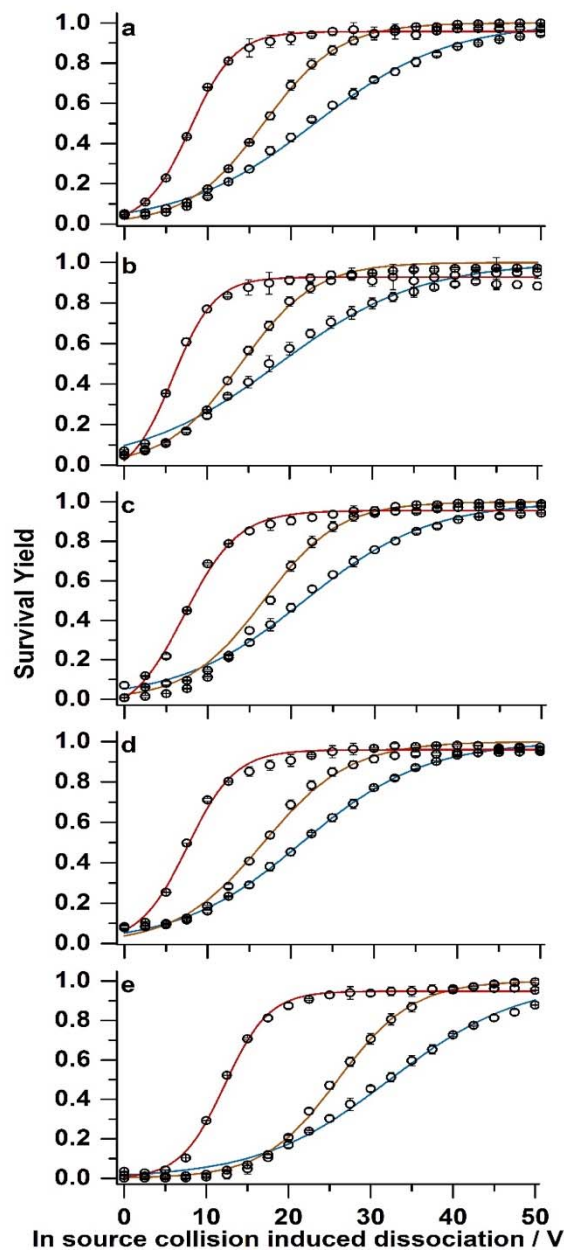


Figure S1. Survival yield vs. in-source collision-induced dissociation (CID) voltage of five benzylammonium thermometer ions: (a) 4-tertbutylbenzylammonium, (b) methylbenzylammonium, (c) benzylammonium, (d) 4-fluorobenzylammonium, and (e) 4-trifluoromethylbenzylammonium that were formed from an aqueous solution containing the corresponding 4-substituted benzyl amine ($R = -H, -CH_3, -F, -C(CH_3)_3, \text{ and } -CF_3$; 100 μM each) using DART (red), APCI (orange) and DBDI (blue). The capillary entrance to the MS was set to 150 $^\circ\text{C}$.

[1] E. R. Stephens, M. Dumlao, D. Xiao, D. Zhang, W. A. Donald. *Journal of the American Society for Mass Spectrometry*. **2015**;26(12):2081-2084.