

Creating a calibration

Step 1: Fill experimental parameters (purple-coloured cells)

The screenshot shows the 'Linear Fit Params' section of the Excel spreadsheet. A red box highlights the following parameters:

Parameter	Value	Unit/Description
t(gas)	28.0134	sec (m/z) independent
Pusher	0.09	sec (m/z) independent
TOF	0.085	sec (m/z) dependent

The spreadsheet also shows a table of experimental data with columns for Charge State, m/z, Published Cross Sections, Corrected Cross Sections, Arrival Times, Cross Section (Power), Cross Section (Linear), t(d)², t(d), and sqrt(1/Reduce).

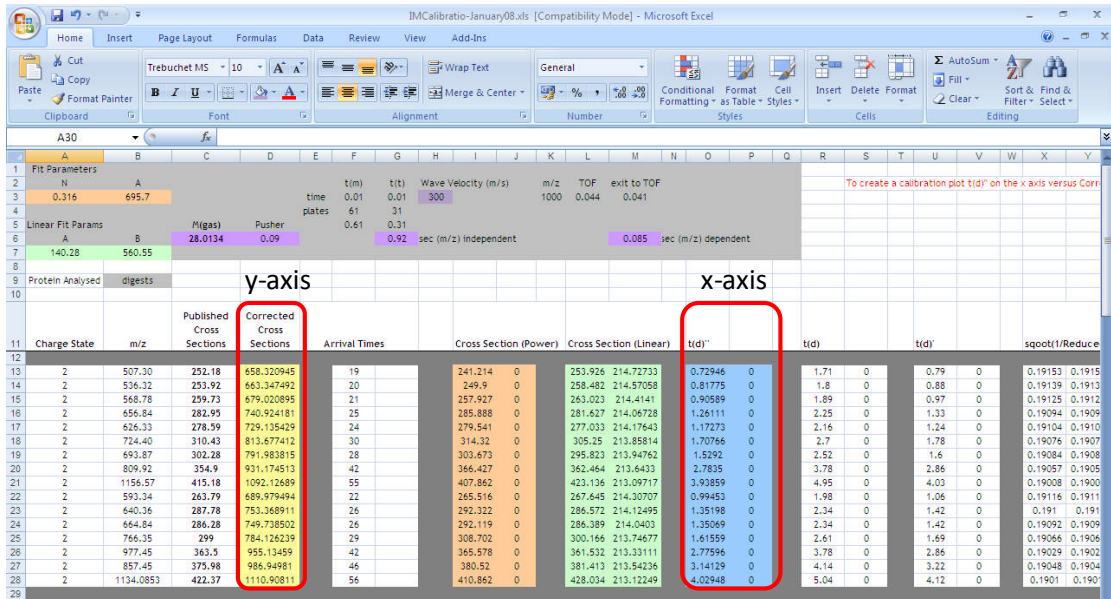
Step 2: Enter published cross section values and charge state, m/z, arrival times as measured on the Synapt

The screenshot shows the 'Protein Analysed' section of the Excel spreadsheet. Red boxes highlight the following columns:

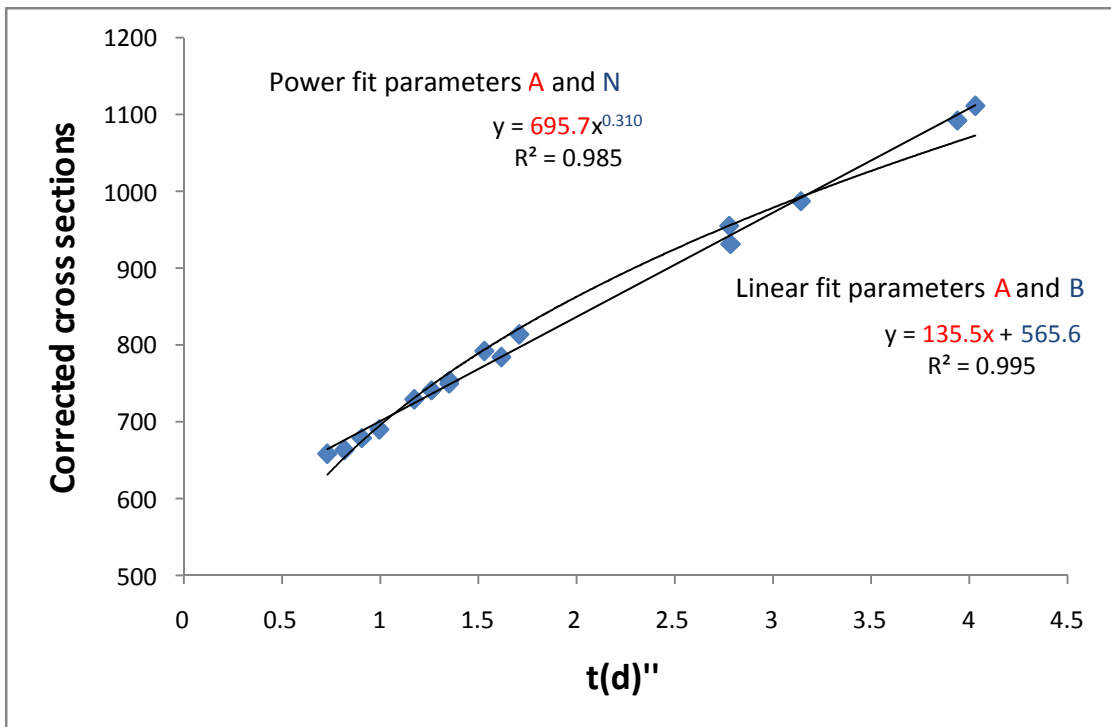
- Charge State
- m/z
- Published Cross Sections
- Arrival Times

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Step 3: Plot $t(d)''$ on the x axis versus Corrected Cross sections



Step 4: Either fit a linear or power trend. We have found that a linear trend is more suitable when analysing peptides while a power trend when analysing proteins (unpublished results). The excel sheet can handle both cases (linear calibration and results colour-coded green while power calibration and results colour-coded orange).



Step 5: Insert fit parameters and charge state, m/z, and arrival times for the ions of interest

The screenshot shows an Excel spreadsheet with two main tables. The first table, 'Fit Parameters', is located in the top left and contains the following data:

Fit Parameters		N		A		t(m)		t(t)		Wave Velocity (m/s)		m/z		TOF		exit to TOF	
0.316	695.7					0.01	0.01	300				1000	0.044	0.041			

The second table, 'Protein Analysed', is a large table with columns for Charge State, m/z, Published Cross Sections, Corrected Cross Sections, Arrival Times, Cross Section (Power), Cross Section (Linear), t(d)², t(d), and sqroot(I)/Reduce. The data rows are numbered 12 to 29. Red boxes highlight the 'Fit Parameters' table and the 'Cross Section (Power)' and 'Cross Section (Linear)' columns in the 'Protein Analysed' table.

The resulting estimated cross sections (for each type of fit) are displayed here

What calculations are performed by the spreadsheet

- Measure arrival time in scans (scan number (n))
- Convert to time (multiply by pusher time)
- $t_d = n \times \text{pusher time (msecs)}$
- Subtract T-wave offset
- T-wave offset related to wave velocity, the time indicated on readout after wave velocity in mobility region (t_m) and transfer region (t_t) is time per pair of plates. The mobility cell has 61 pairs of plates so $61 \times t_m$ is subtracted. The transfer region has 31 pairs of plates so $31 \times t_t$ is subtracted.
- At 300 m/sec t_m and t_t are equal to $10 \mu\text{sec}$
- Subtraction would therefore be $[(61 \times 10) + (31 \times 10)] \mu\text{sec} = 920 \mu\text{sec}$
- This is not m/z dependent!
- For these values $t_d' = t_d - 920 \mu\text{sec}$
- Then correct for m/z dependent time of flight.
- From Bob Bateman calculations.
- For m/z 1000 the TOF flight time is $44 \mu\text{s}$ and the transit time from the exit of the TriWave to the TOF is $41 \mu\text{s}$, giving a total time of $85 \mu\text{s}$ (micro-sec) to be subtracted from the drift time. The correction time to the drift time is proportional to the square root of the m/z value.

- $td'' = td' - \sqrt{\left(\frac{m/z}{1000}\right)} \times 0.085 \text{ msec}$

- This is corrected effective drift time.
- To obtain calibration coefficients use published cross section data. (Ω)
- Correct published cross sections by taking into account reduced mass and charge state.

- $$\Omega' = \frac{\Omega}{e \times \left(\frac{1}{M_I} + \frac{1}{M_N}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}}}$$

- $e = \text{Charge}$, $M_I = \text{mass of ion}$, $M_N = \text{mass of mobility gas}$.
- Plot Ω' against t_d''
- Fit curve to equation type $y = Ax^N$
- Calculate A and N from fit.
- Convert experimental measurements to estimated cross sections by calculating.

- $$\Omega = td''^N \times A \times e \times \left(\frac{1}{M_I} + \frac{1}{M_N}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$