

## SUPPORTING INFORMATION

# MALDI-TOF/TOF CID Study of Poly(Butylene Adipate) Fragmentation Reactions

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## FIGURE CAPTIONS:

**Figure S1.** Medium effective kinetic energy (collision gas pressure:  $1.5 \times 10^{-6}$  Torr) MALDI-TOF/TOF mass spectrum of dibutanol terminated poly(butylene adipate) (Str. 1-E1 Li<sup>+</sup>, 1497.8 Da); covering the monomeric (A: 70–390 Da), dimeric through trimeric (B: 390–790 Da), and tetrameric through pentameric (C: 790–1190 Da) mass regions.

**Figure S2.** MALDI-TOF/TOF mass spectrum for cyclic PBA structure 1-CyE at a *low* collision gas pressure of  $1.5 \times 10^{-6}$  Torr. Precursor ion (1023.5 Da) is through Na<sup>+</sup> cationization.

**Figure S3.** MALDI-TOF/TOF mass spectrum for linear butanol-carboxyl terminated PBA structure 1-E2 at a *low* collision gas pressure of  $1.5 \times 10^{-6}$  Torr. Precursor ion (1041.5 Da) is through Na<sup>+</sup> cationization.

**Figure S4.** MALDI-TOF/TOF mass spectrum for linear butanol-carboxyl terminated PBA structure, with an extra sodium atom (Str. 1-E2Na), at a *low* collision gas pressure of  $1.5 \times 10^{-6}$  Torr. Precursor ion (1063.5 Da) is through Na<sup>+</sup> cationization.

**Figure S5.** MALDI-TOF/TOF mass spectrum for linear butanol-carboxyl terminated PBA structure, with and extra lithium atom (Str. 1-E2Li), at a *low* collision gas pressure of  $1.5 \times 10^{-6}$  Torr. Precursor ion (1031.5 Da) is through Li<sup>+</sup> cationization.

**Figure S6.** MALDI-TOF/TOF mass spectrum for linear carboxyl-carboxyl terminated PBA structure 1-E3 at a *low* collision gas pressure of  $1.5 \times 10^{-6}$  Torr. Precursor ion (753.4 Da) is through Li<sup>+</sup> cationization.

**Figure S7.** MALDI-TOF/TOF mass spectrum for linear butanol-ethanol terminated PBA structure 1-E4 at a *low* collision gas pressure of  $1.5 \times 10^{-6}$  Torr. Precursor ion (1085.6 Da) is through Na<sup>+</sup> cationization.

**Figure S1.**

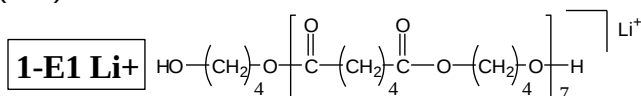
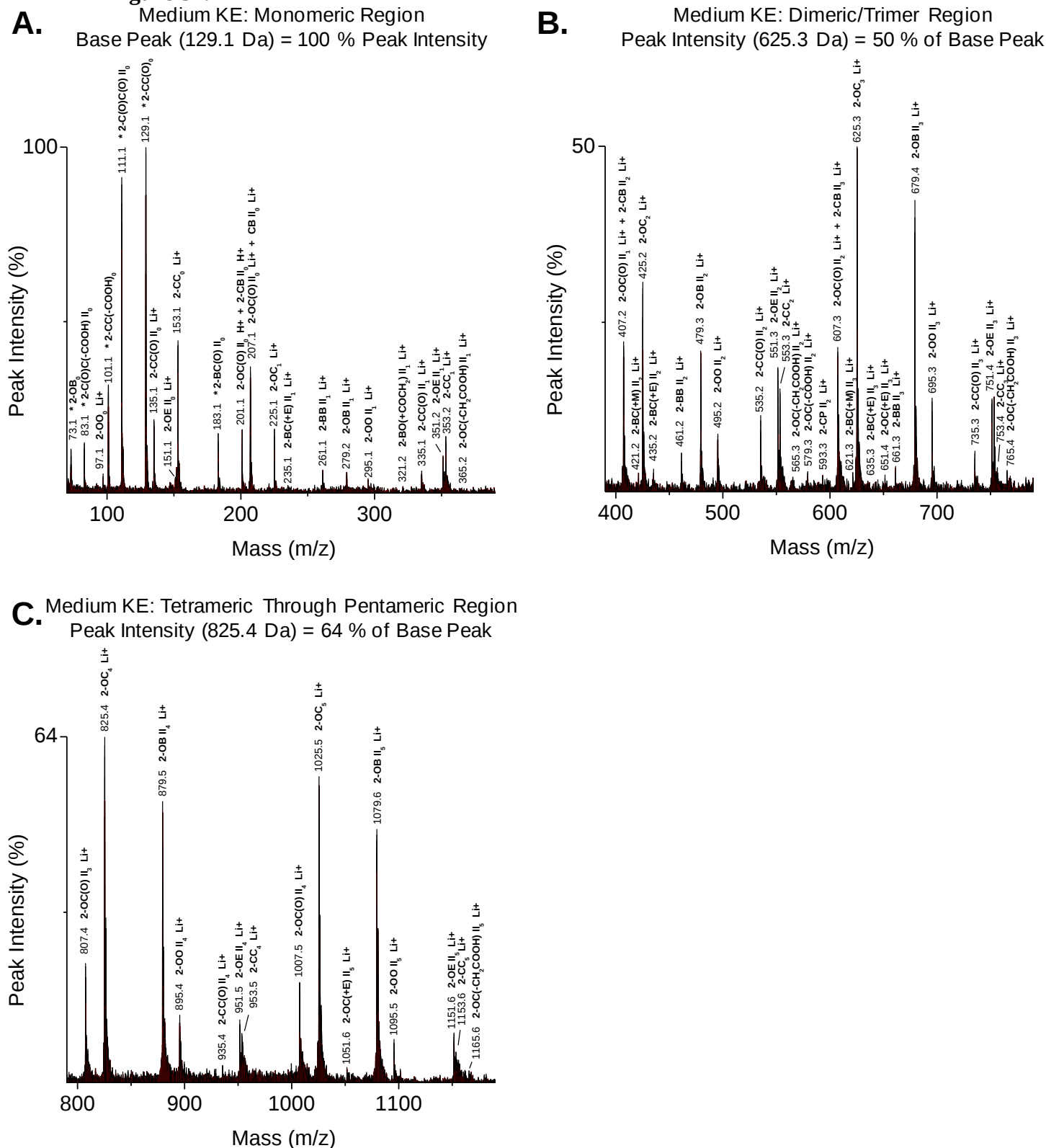
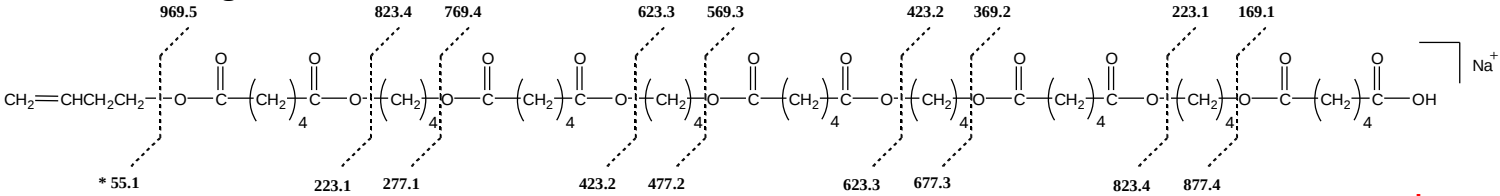


Figure S2.



Peak Intensity

Precursor Ion: 6,115 Counts  
Cropped Spectrum: 550 Counts

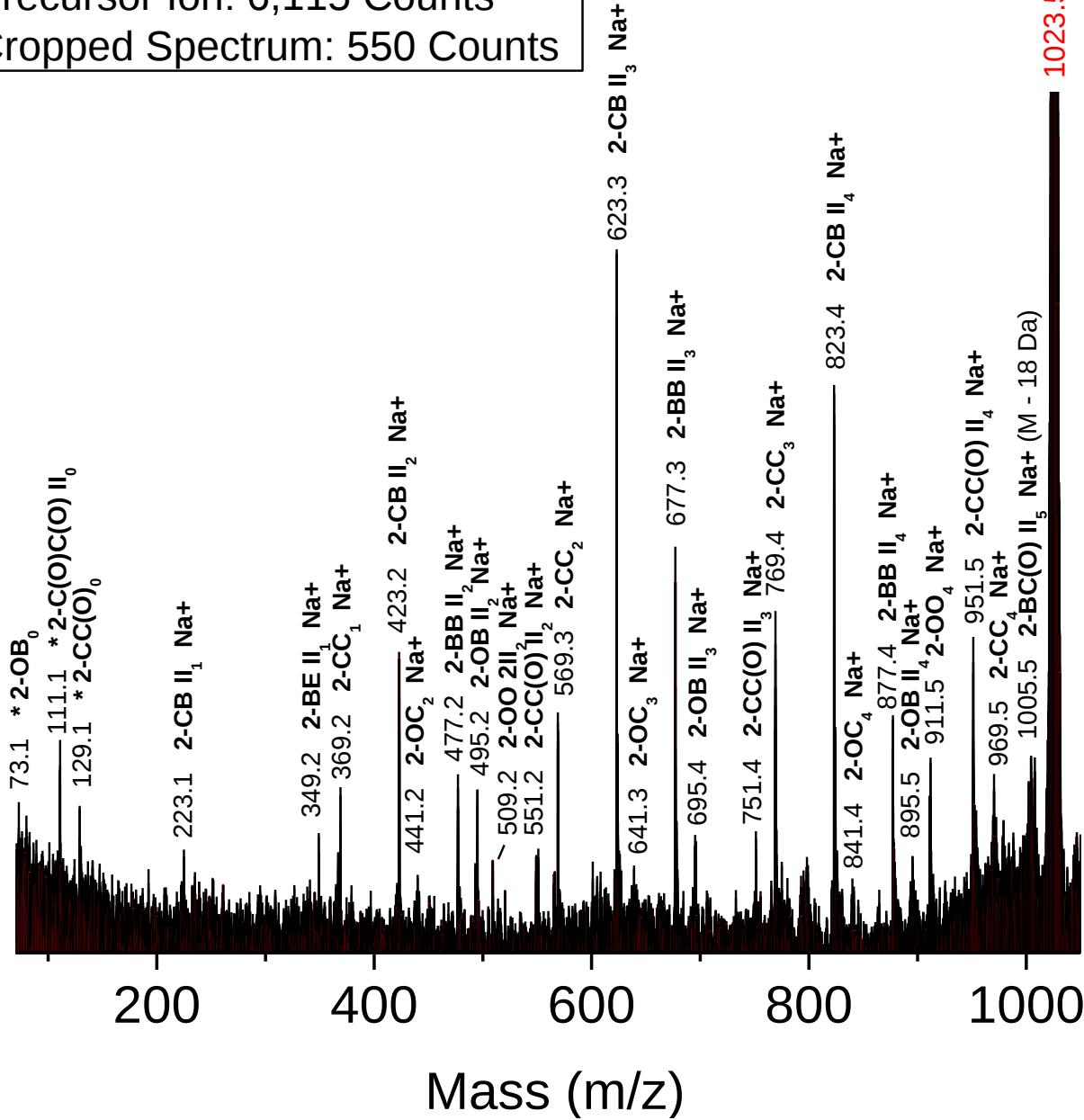


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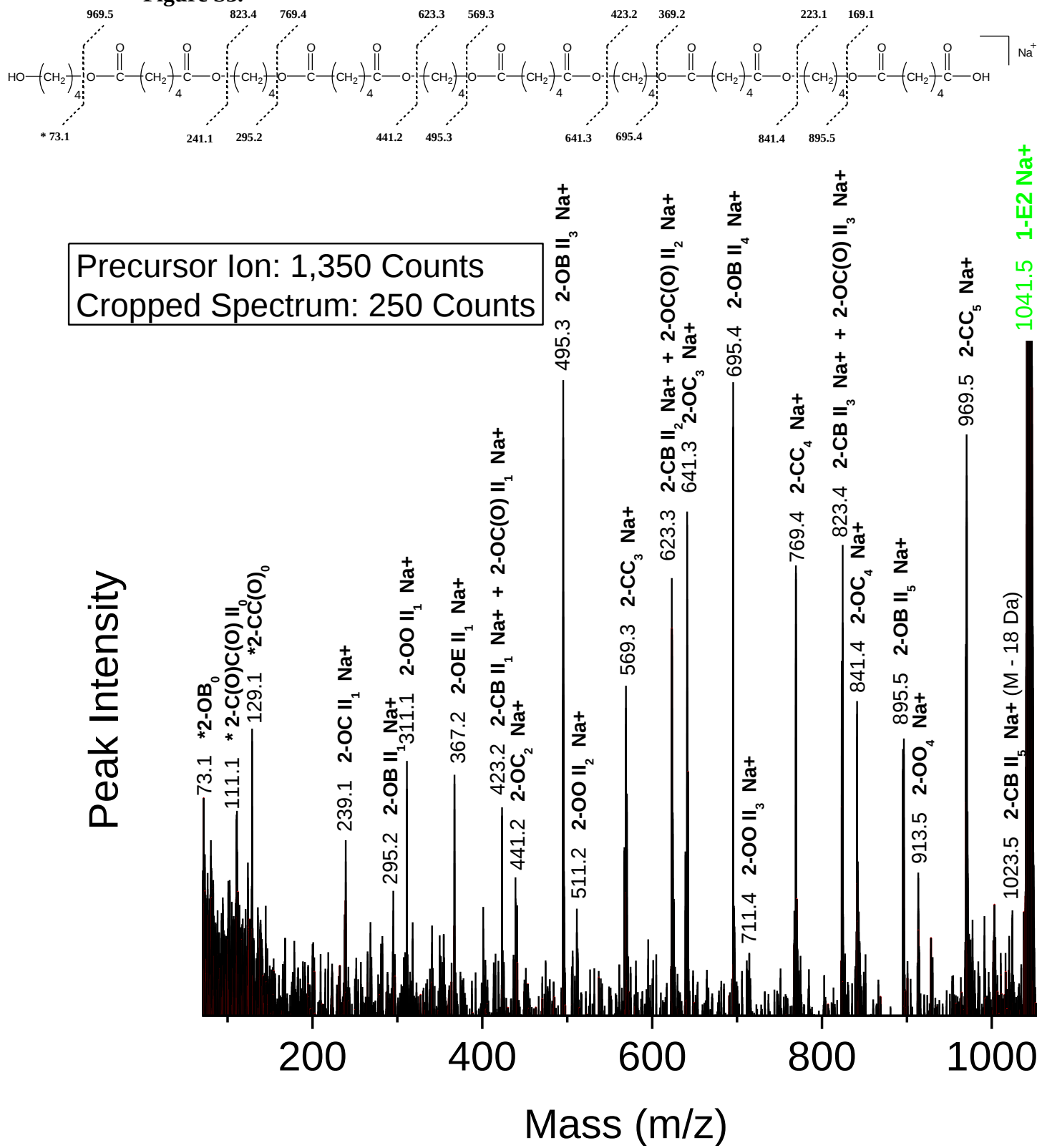


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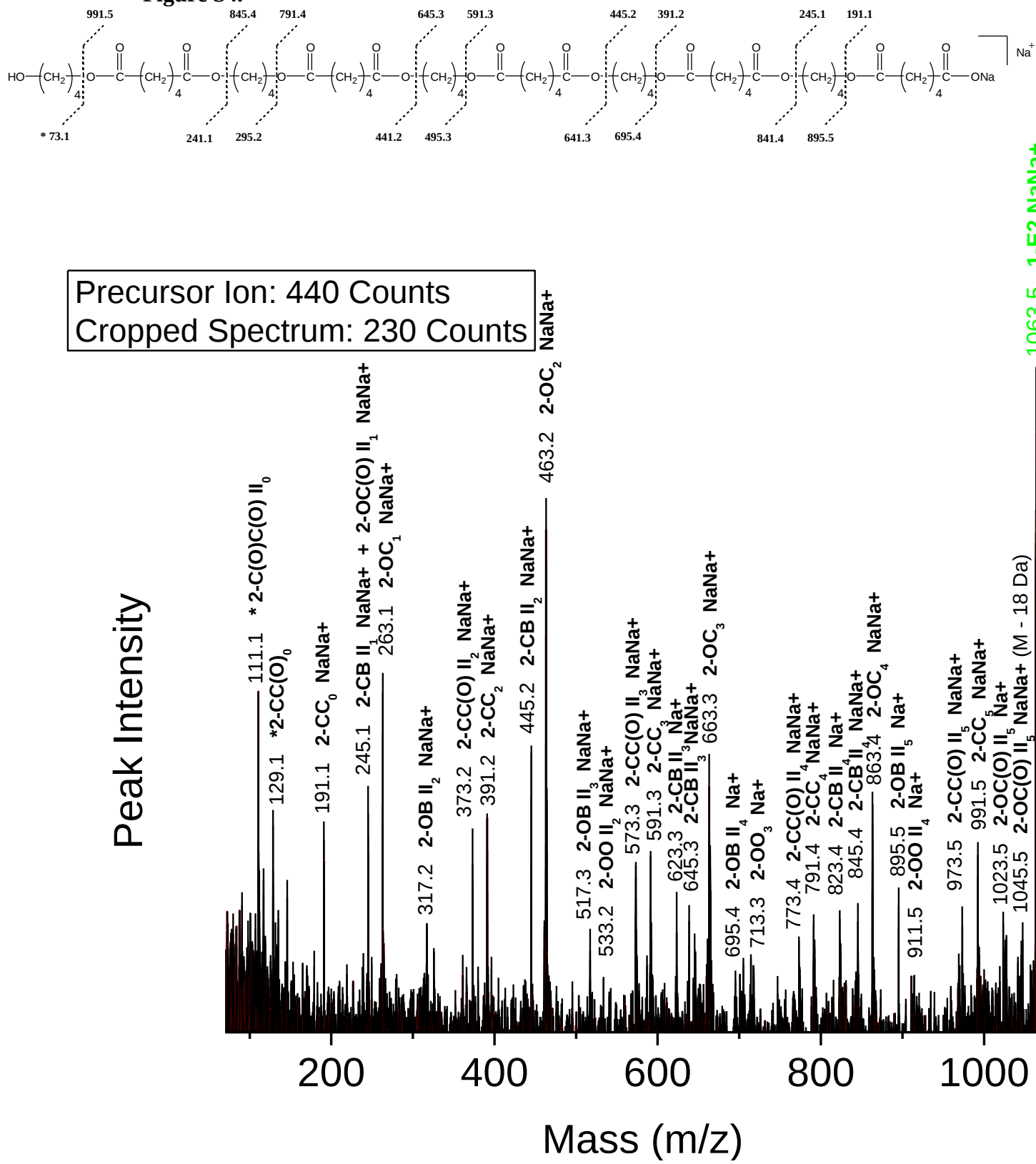
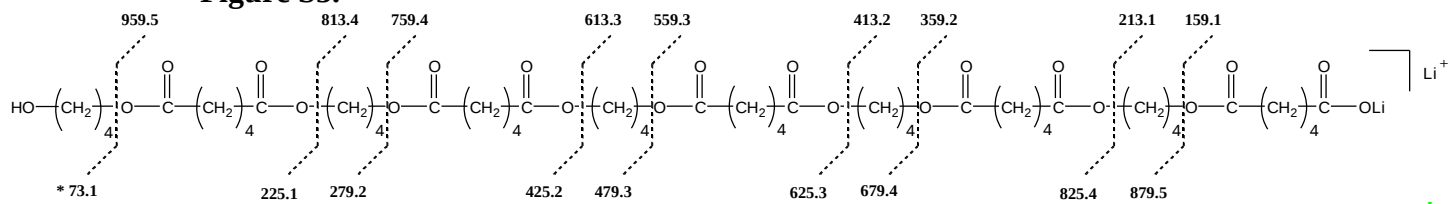
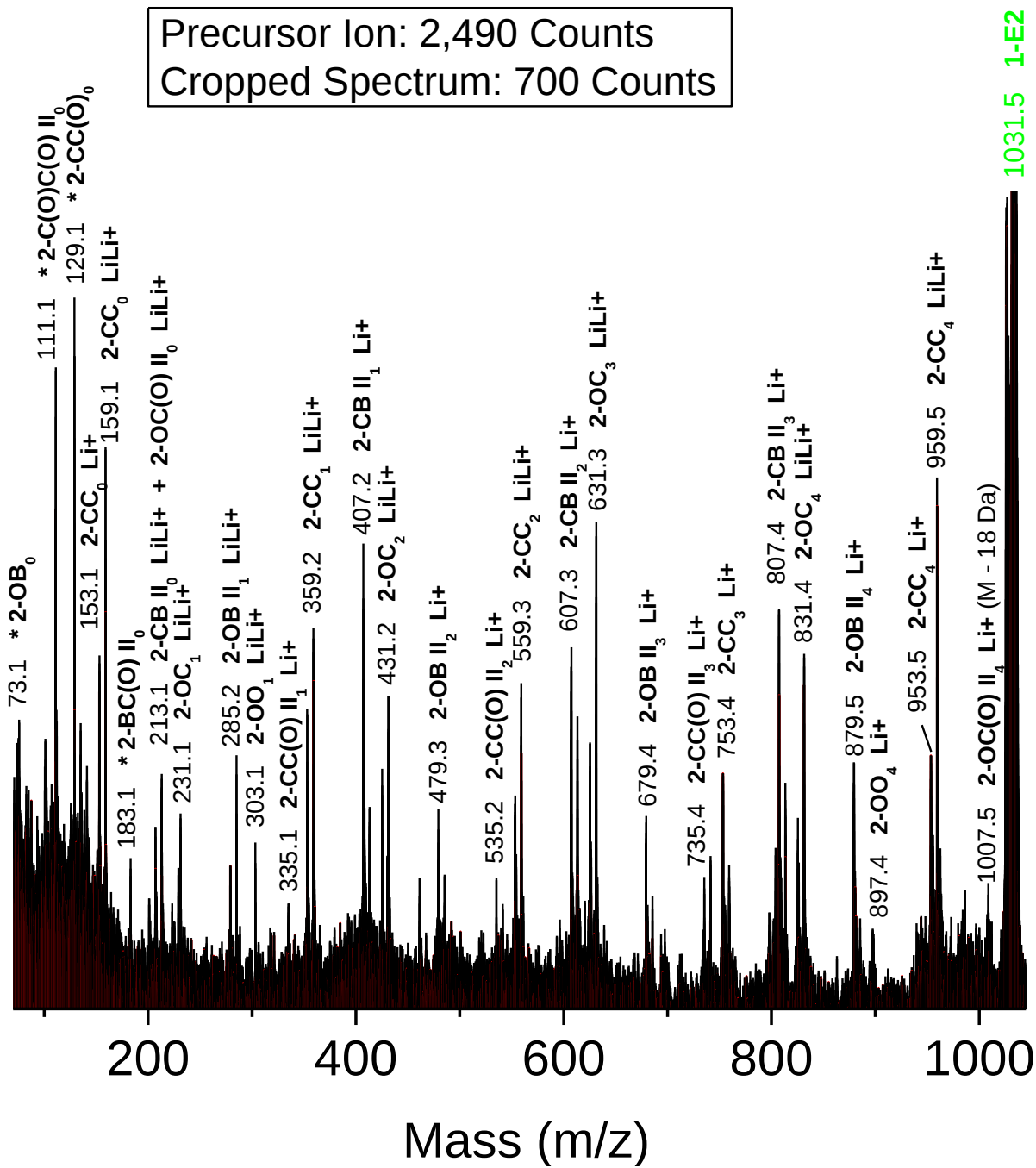


Figure S5.



Peak Intensity



**Figure S6.**

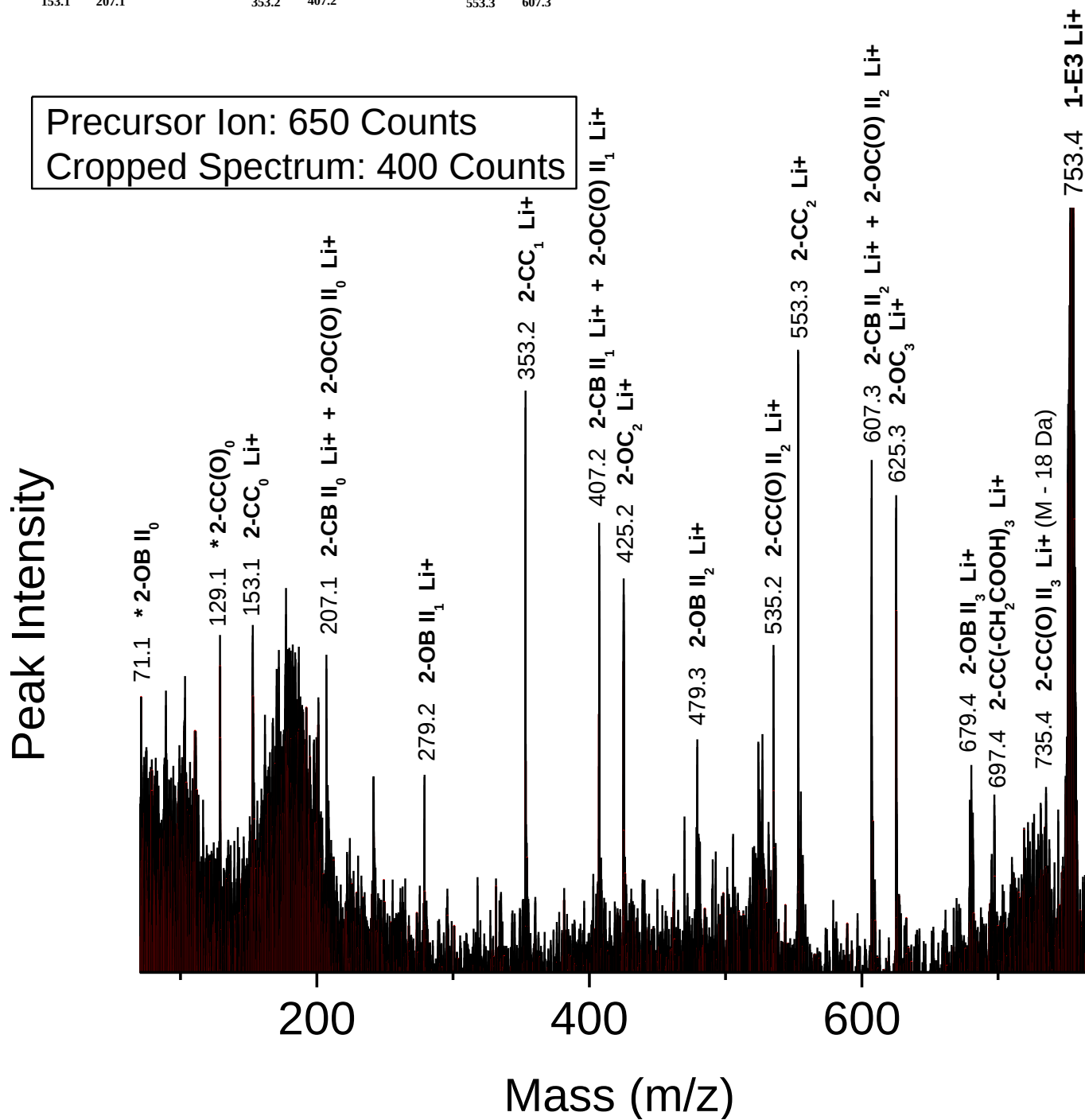
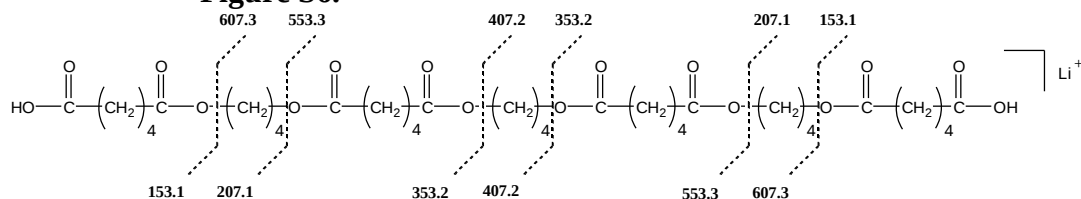
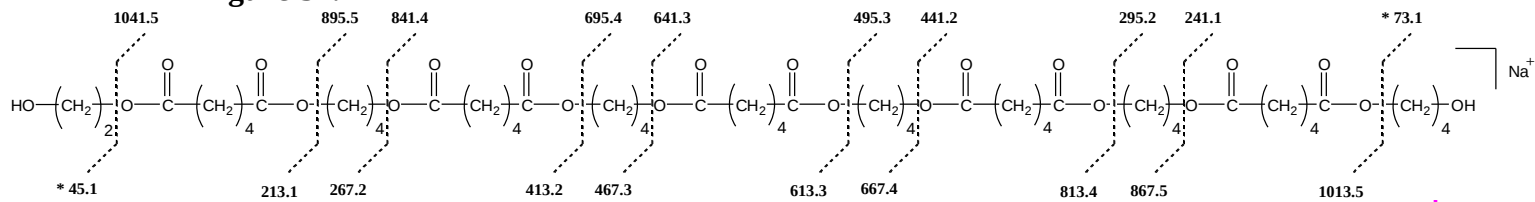


Figure S7.



Peak Intensity

