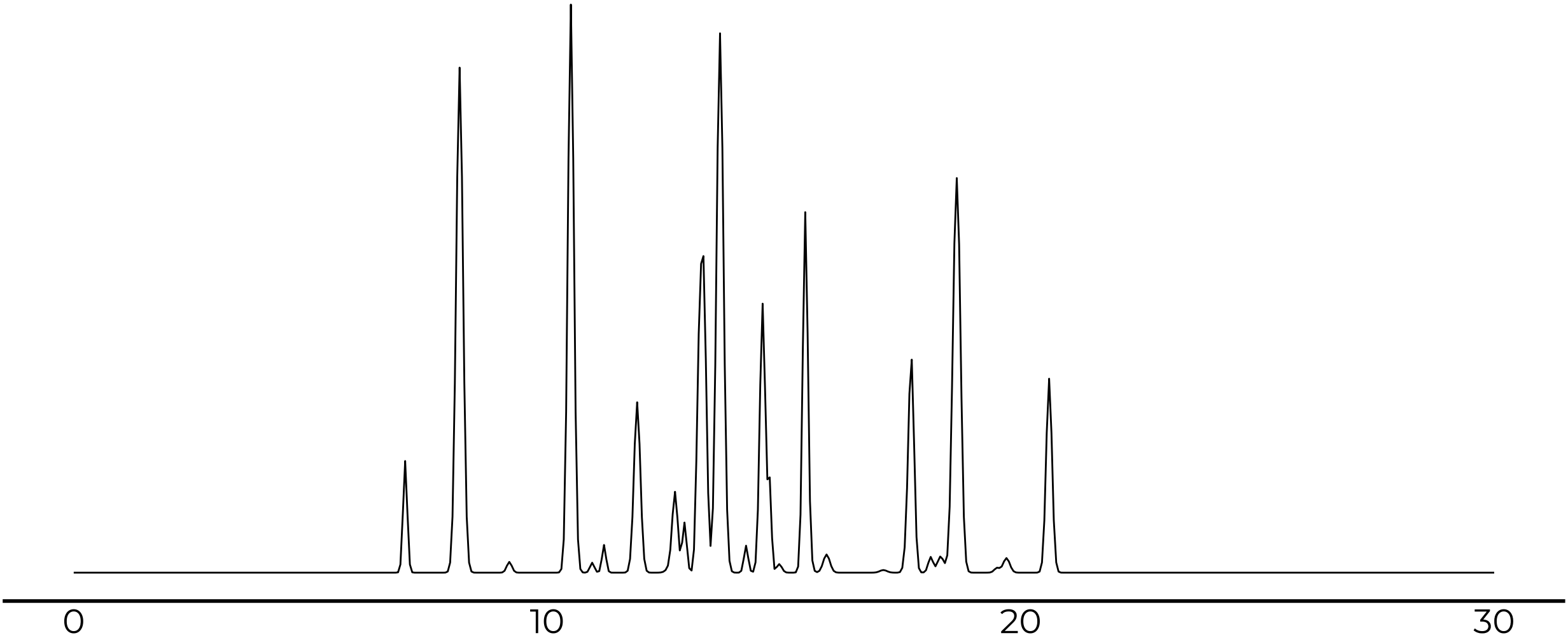


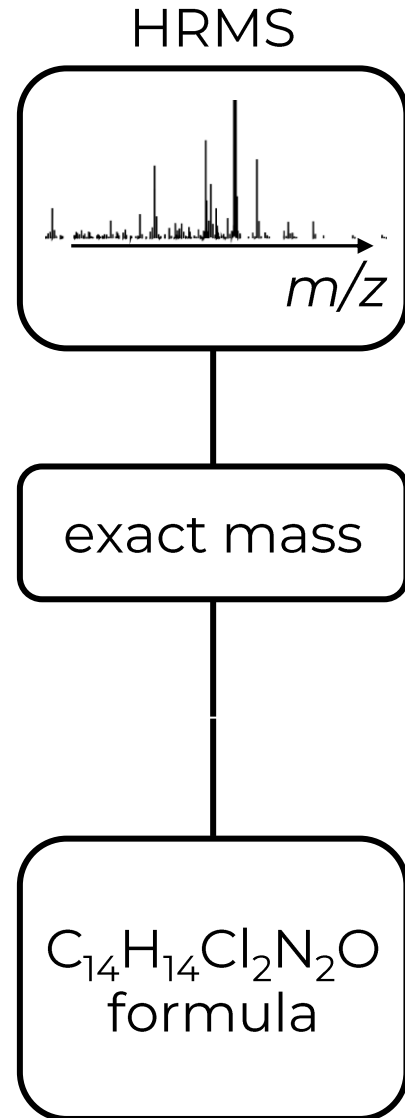
semi-quantification in LC/HRMS
non-targeted screening:
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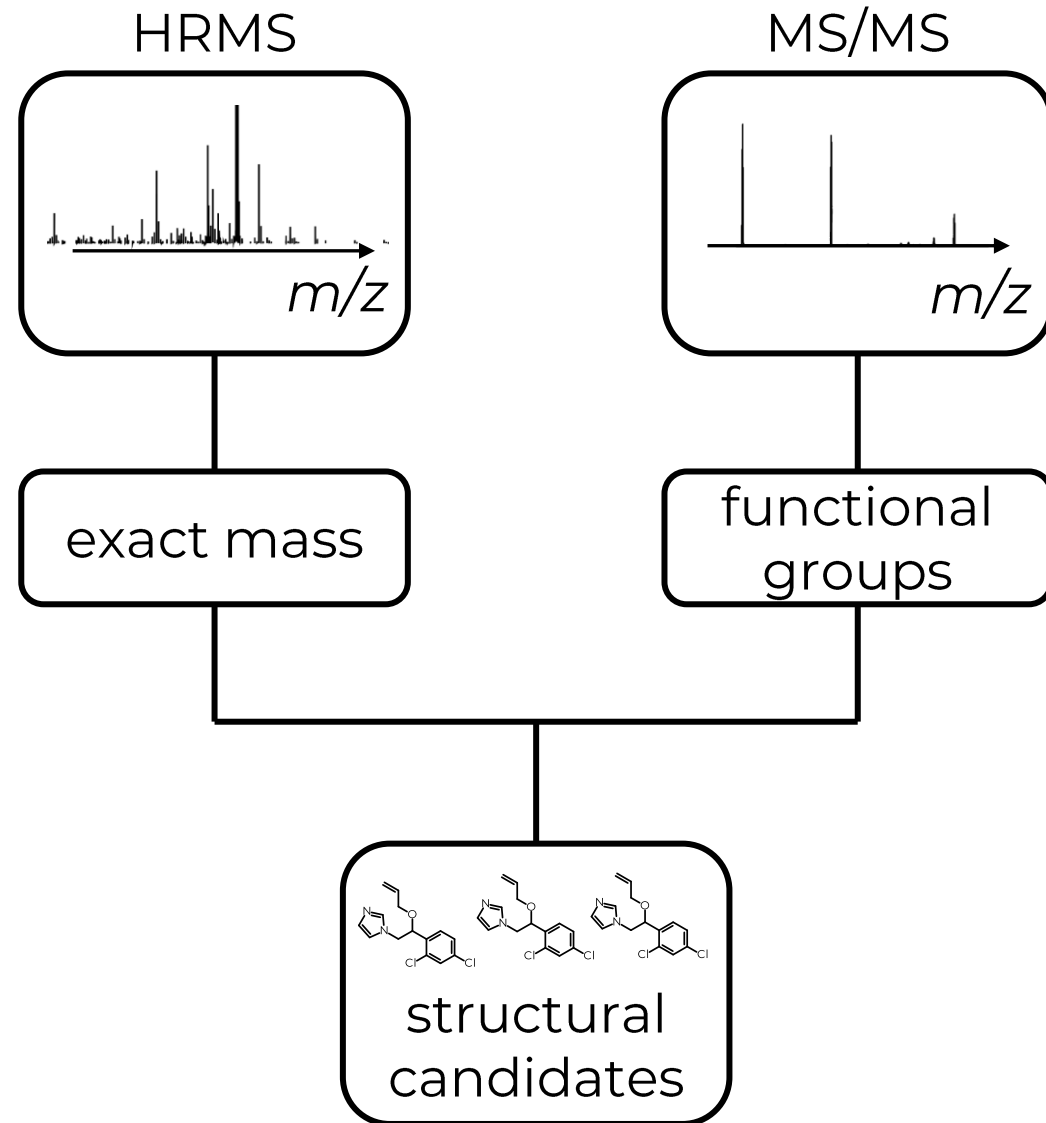
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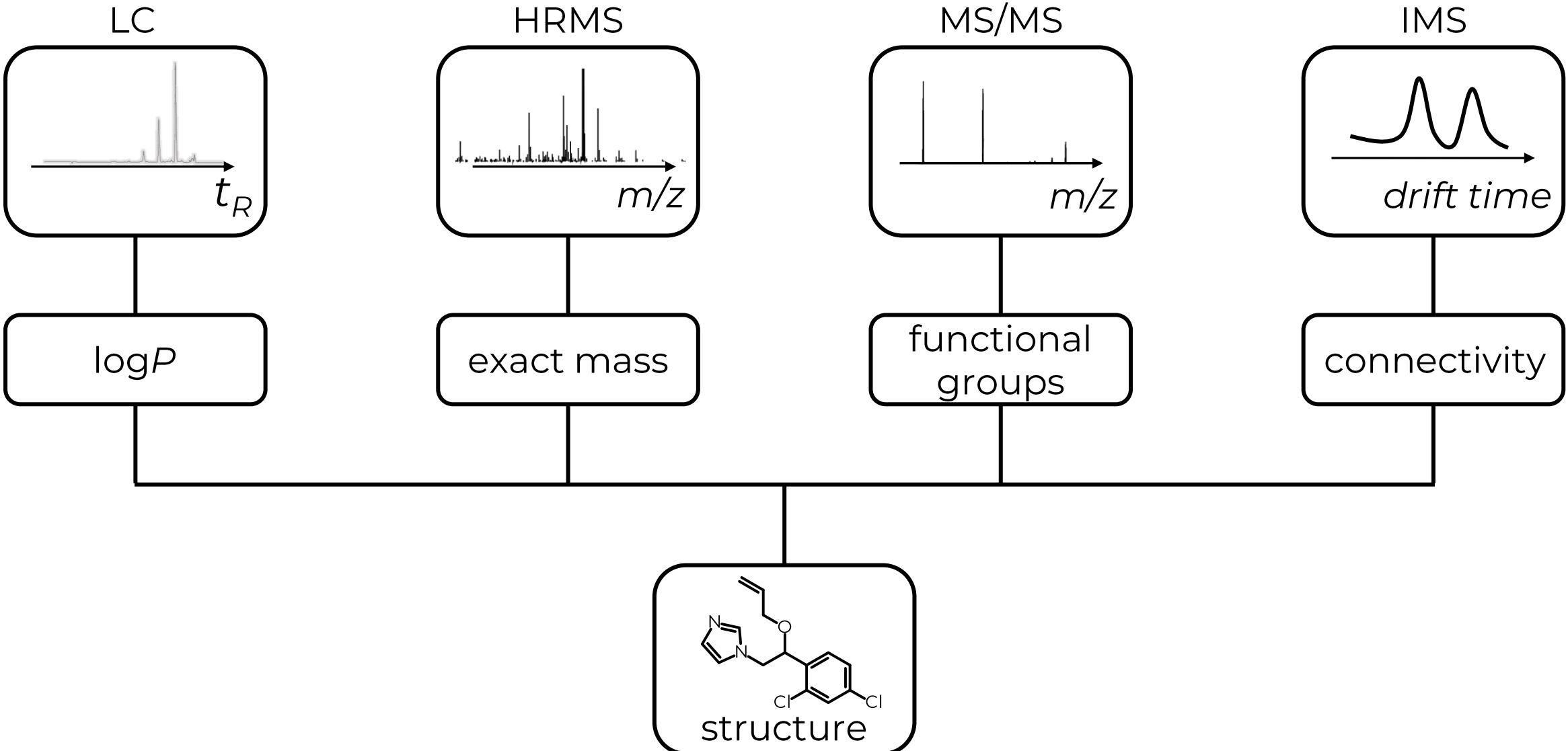
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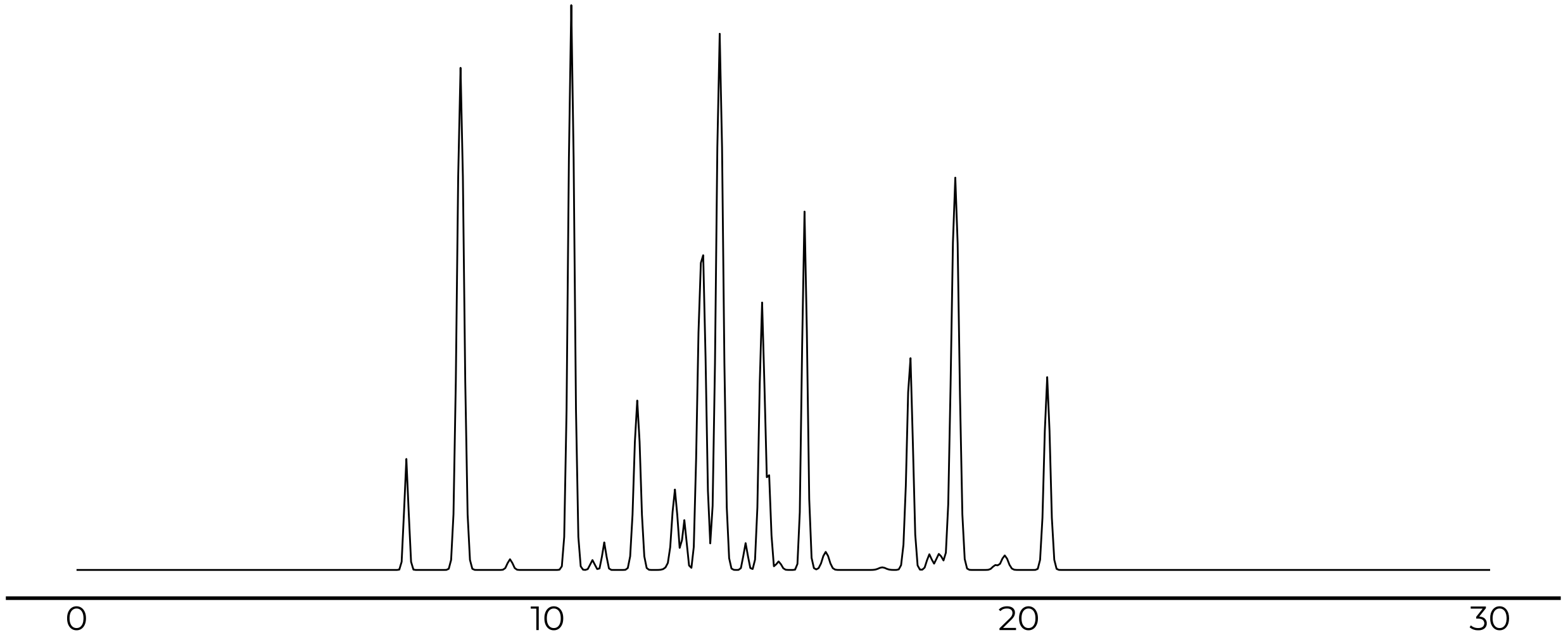
identification



identification



what next?



prioritization



toxicity

prioritization



toxicity



concentration

prioritization



toxicity



concentration



risk

prioritization



toxicity



concentration



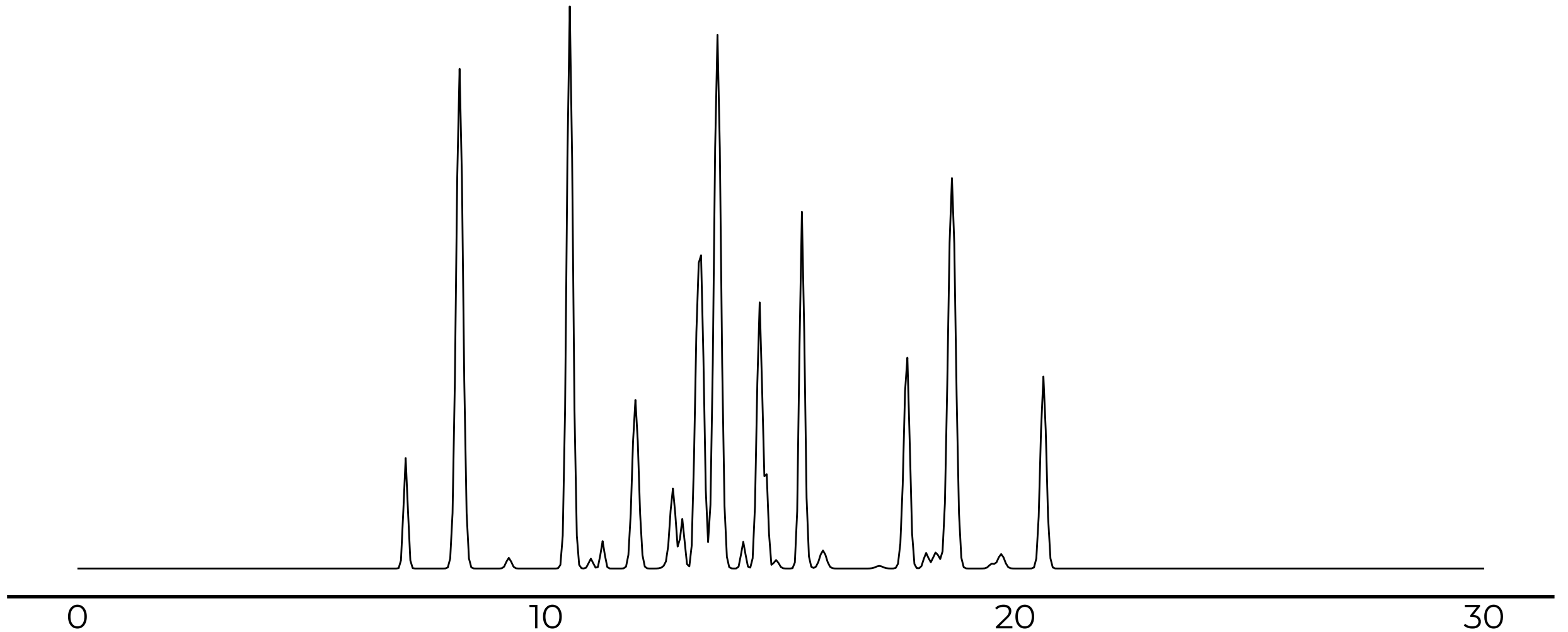
risk

$$\text{PriorityScore} = \frac{C_{\text{predicted}}}{AC_{50}^{\text{5th percentile}}}$$

quantification in ESI/HRMS

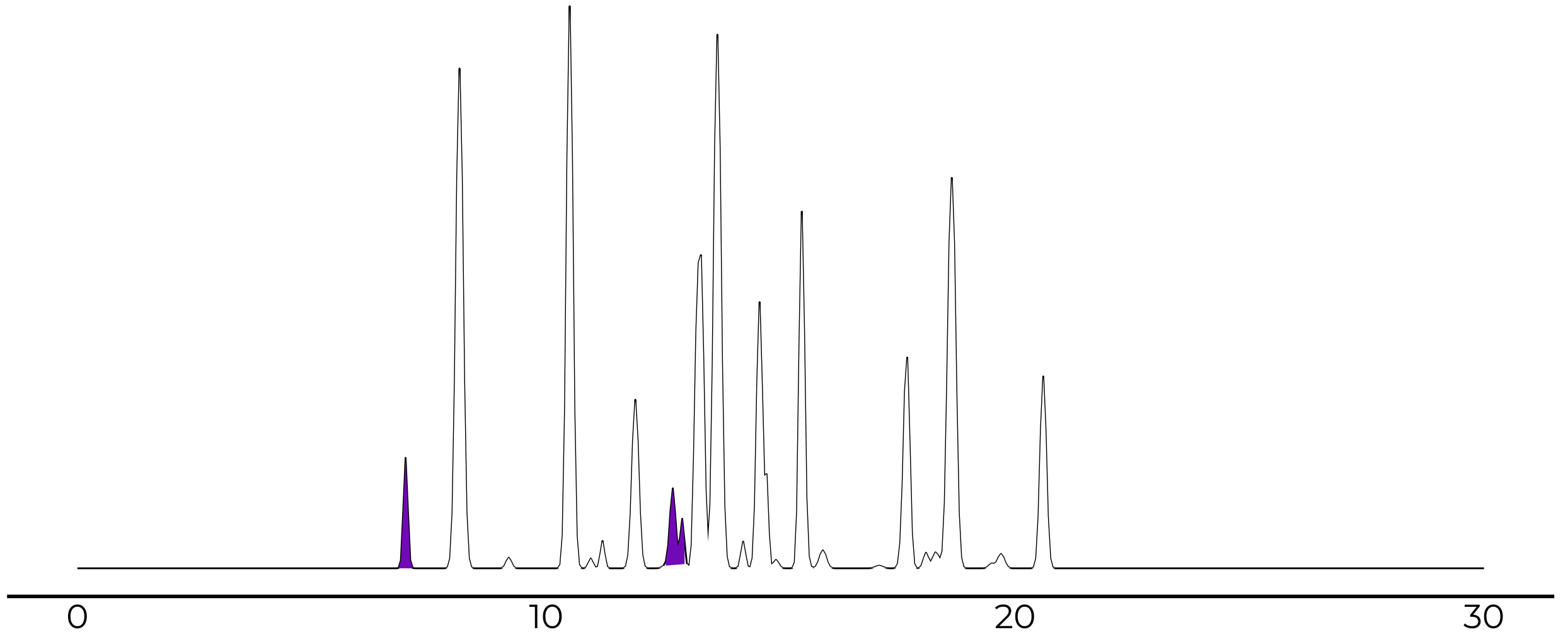
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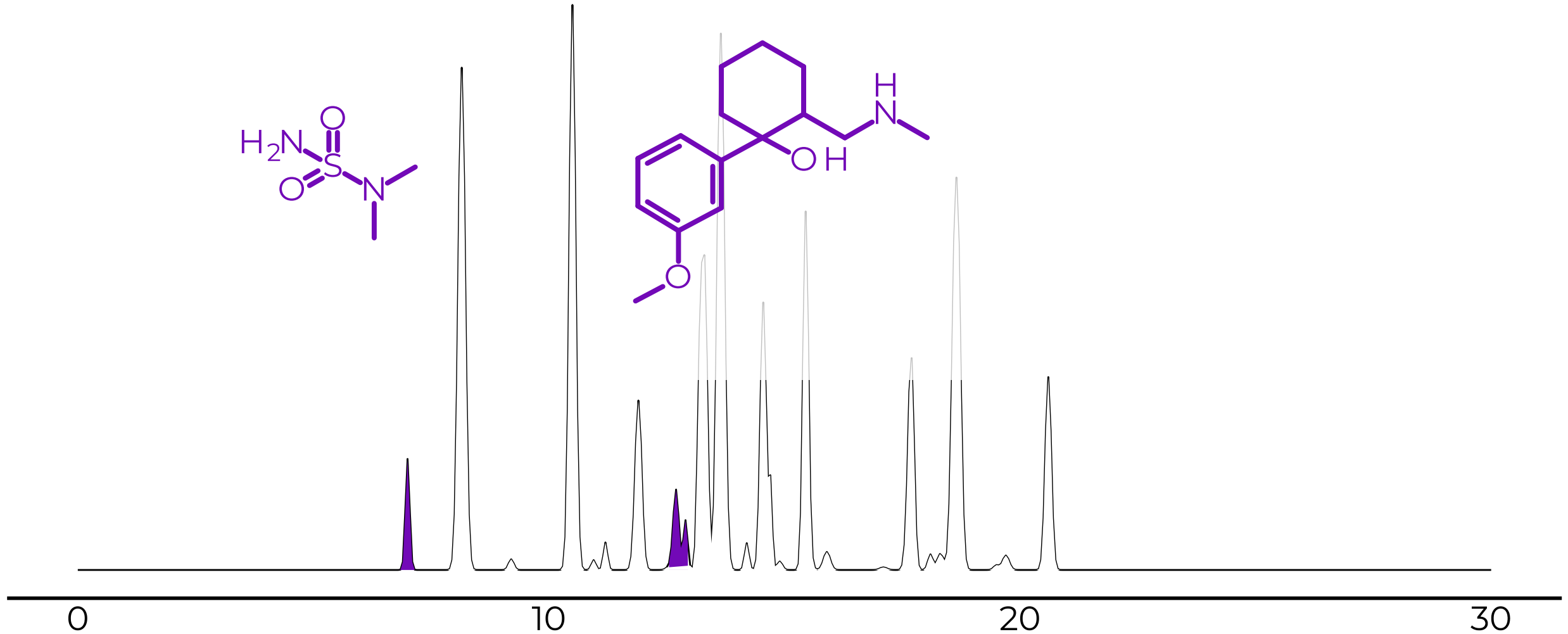
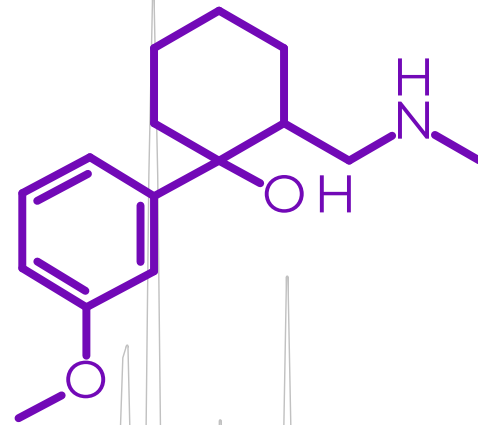
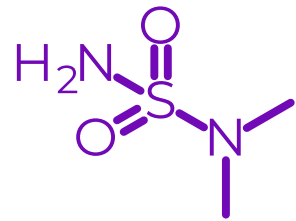
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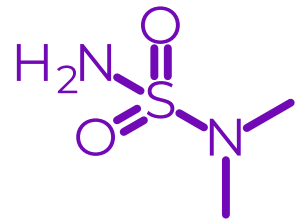
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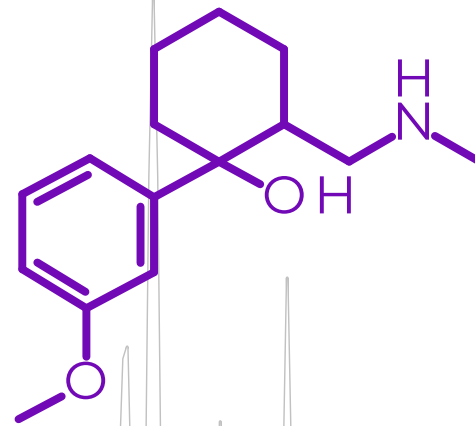


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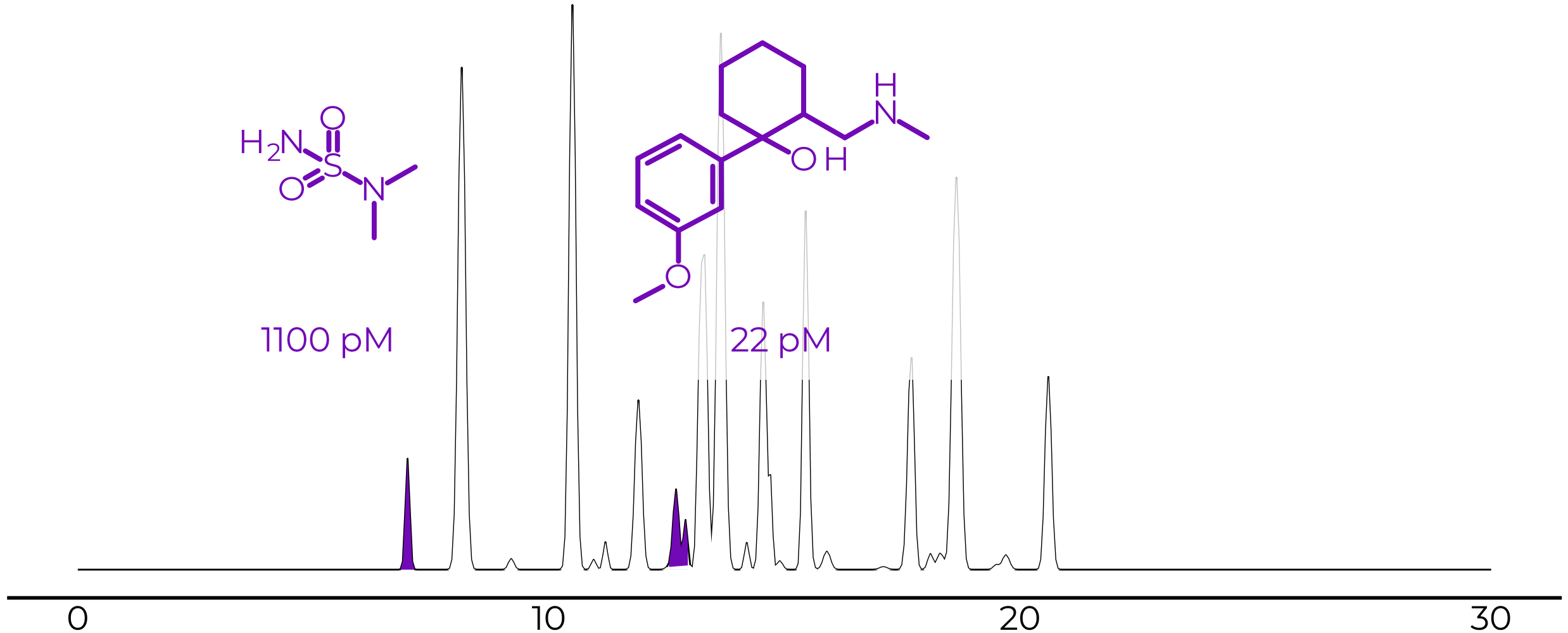
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1100 pM



22 pM



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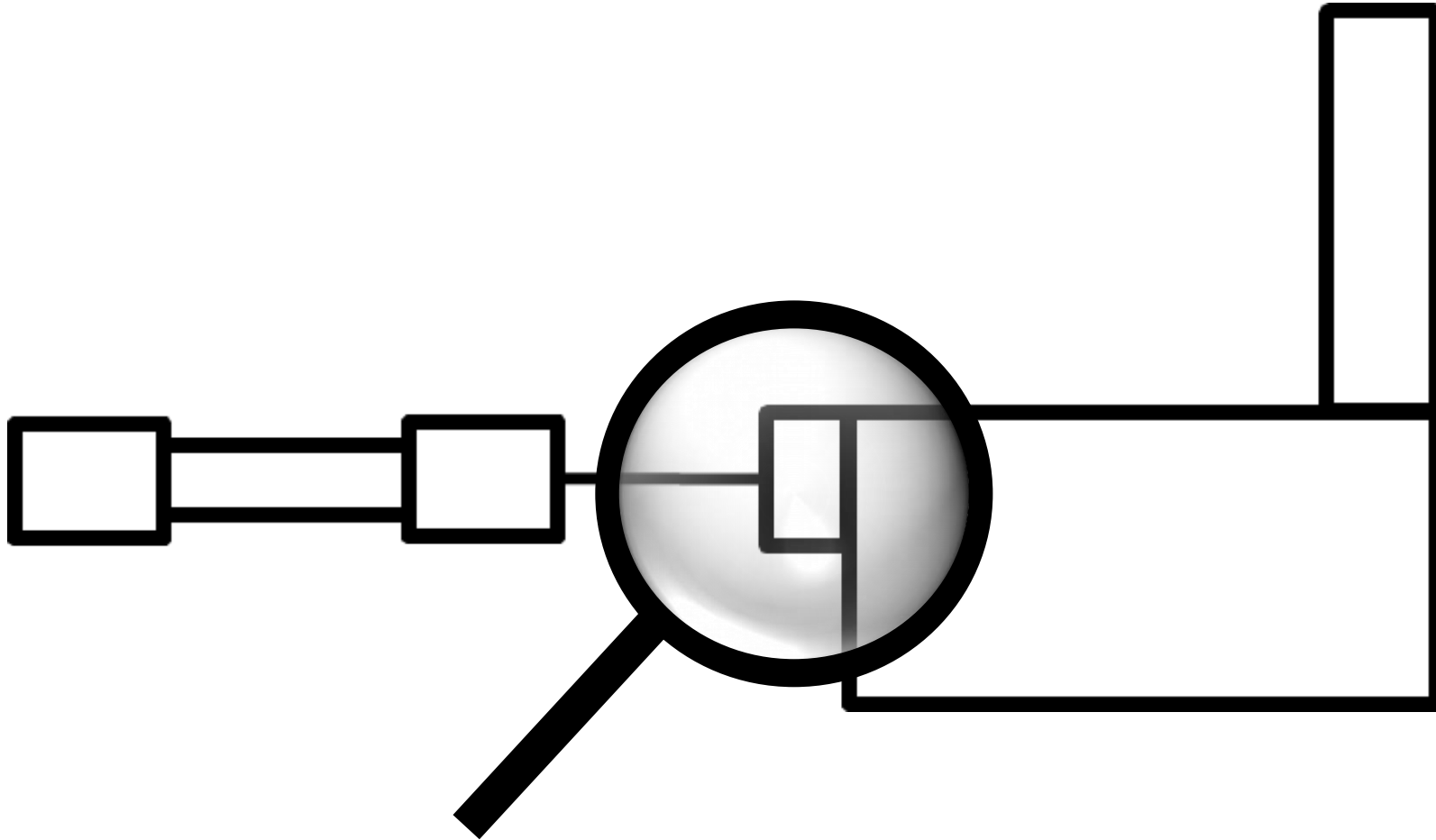
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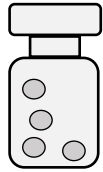
time

electrospray



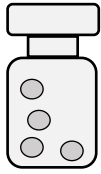
ionization efficiency

workflow

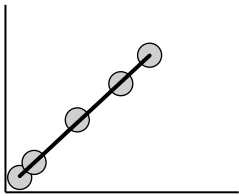


flow injections

workflow

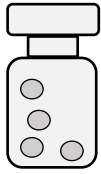


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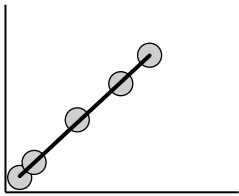


calibration graph

workflow



flow injections



calibration graph

$$\frac{\text{slope}_1}{\text{slope}_2} \rightarrow IE$$

relative measurements

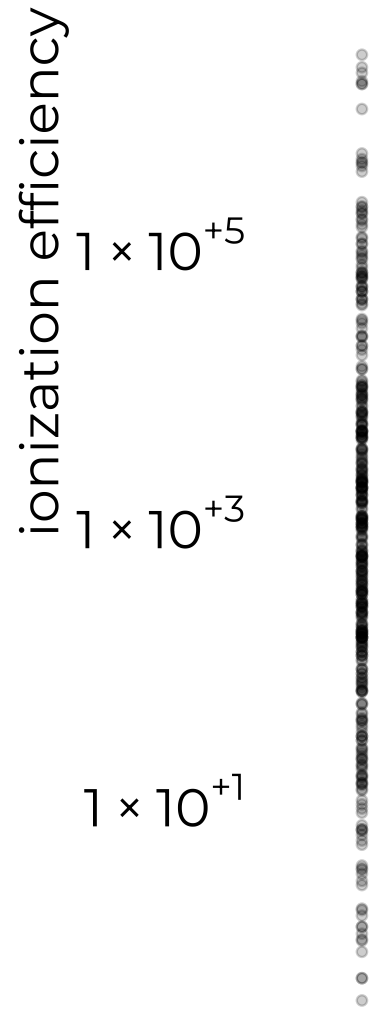
structure

structure

one solvent, purely analyte properties

377 chemicals

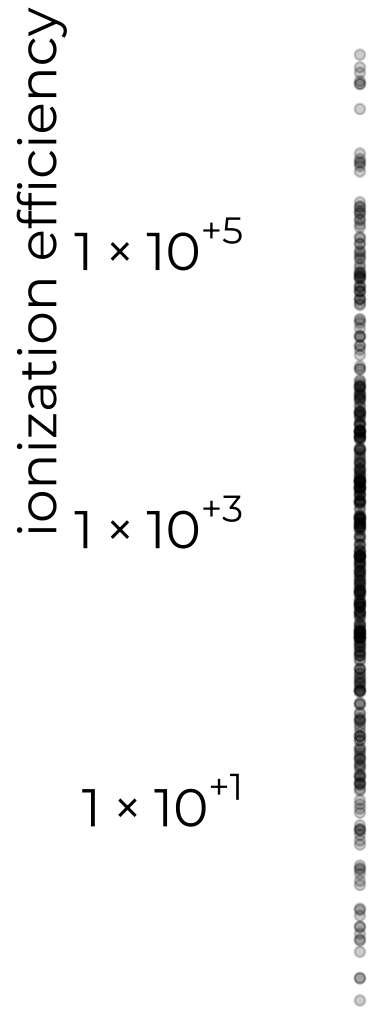
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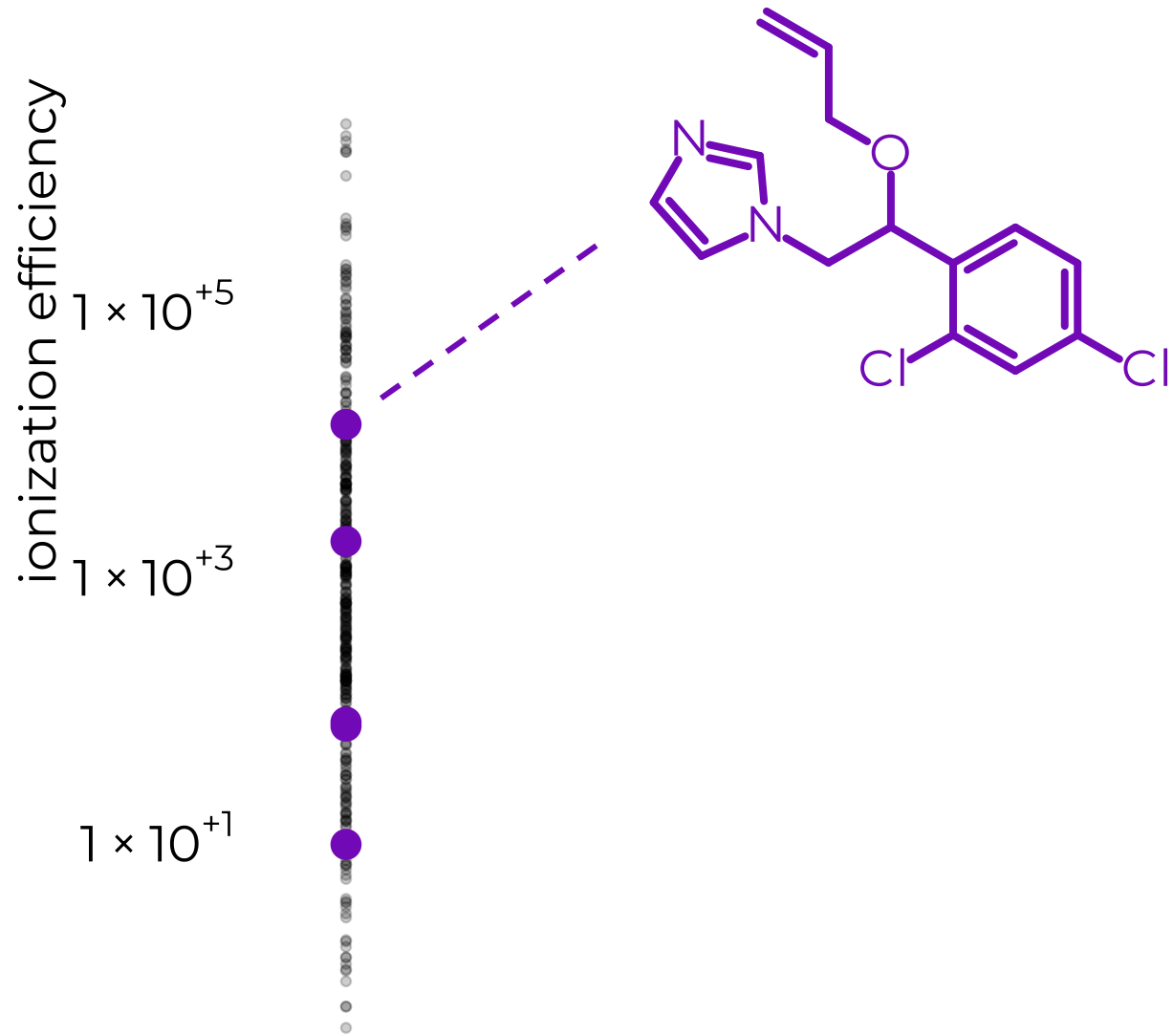


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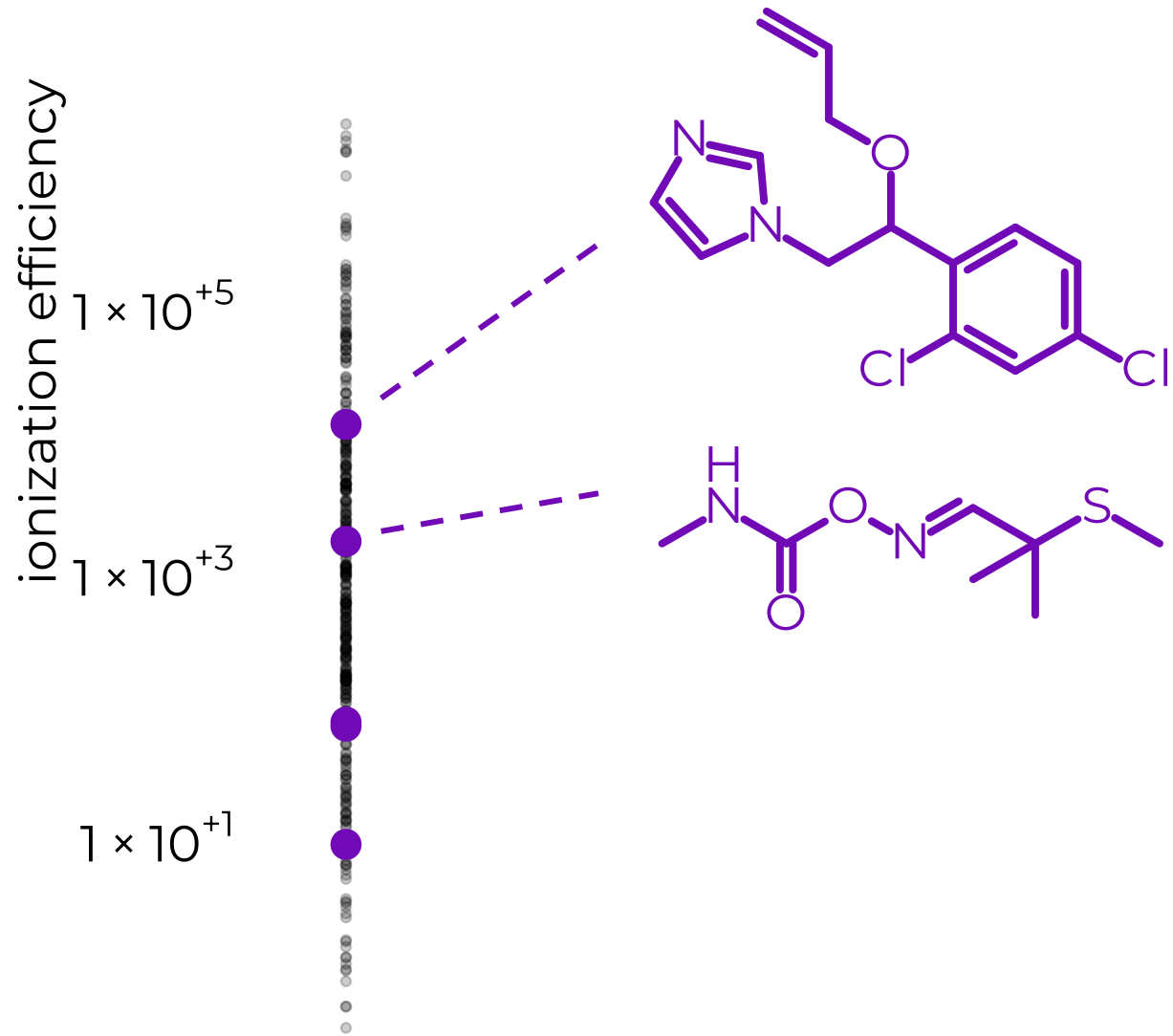
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10,000,000x difference in ionization efficiency

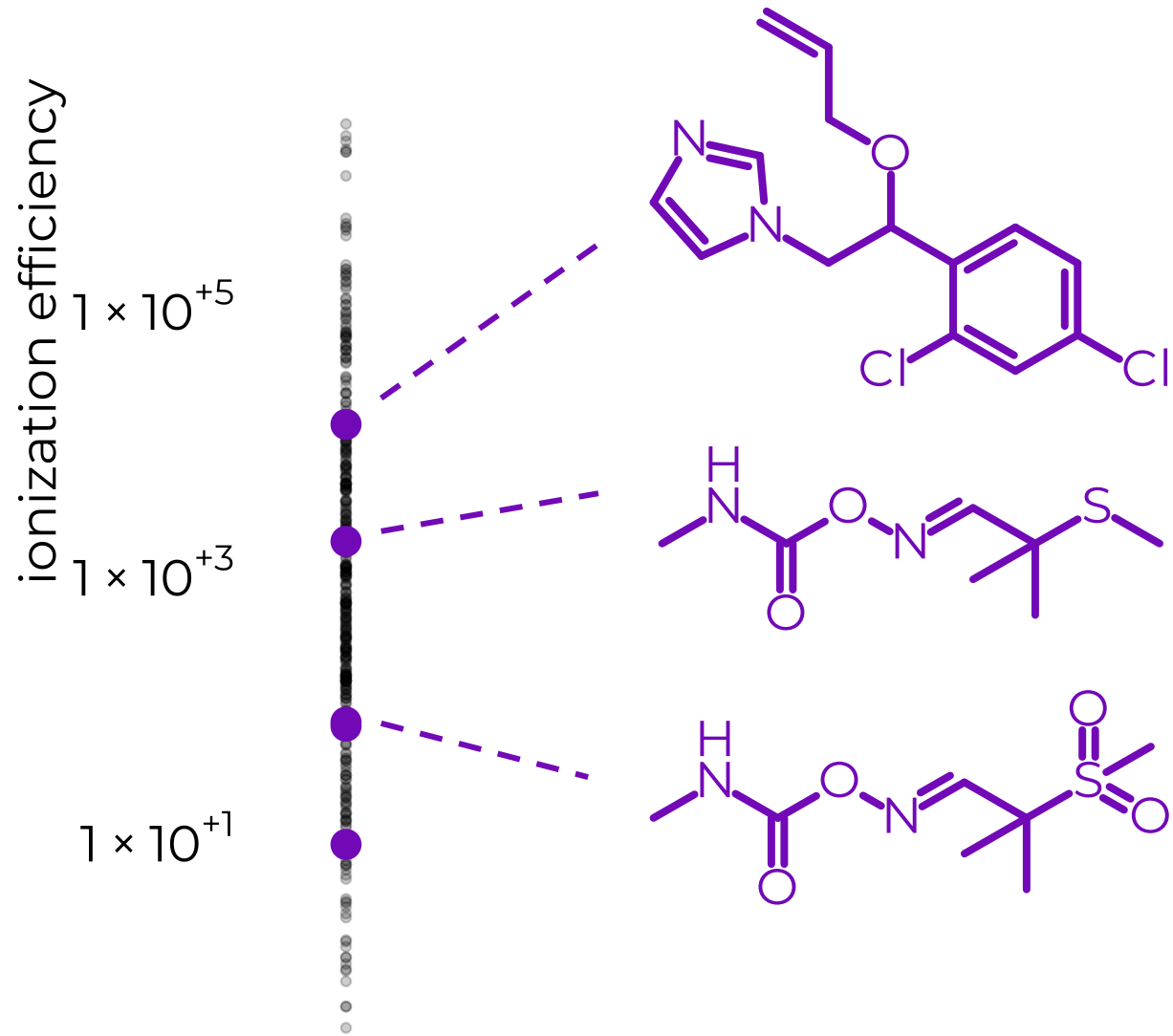
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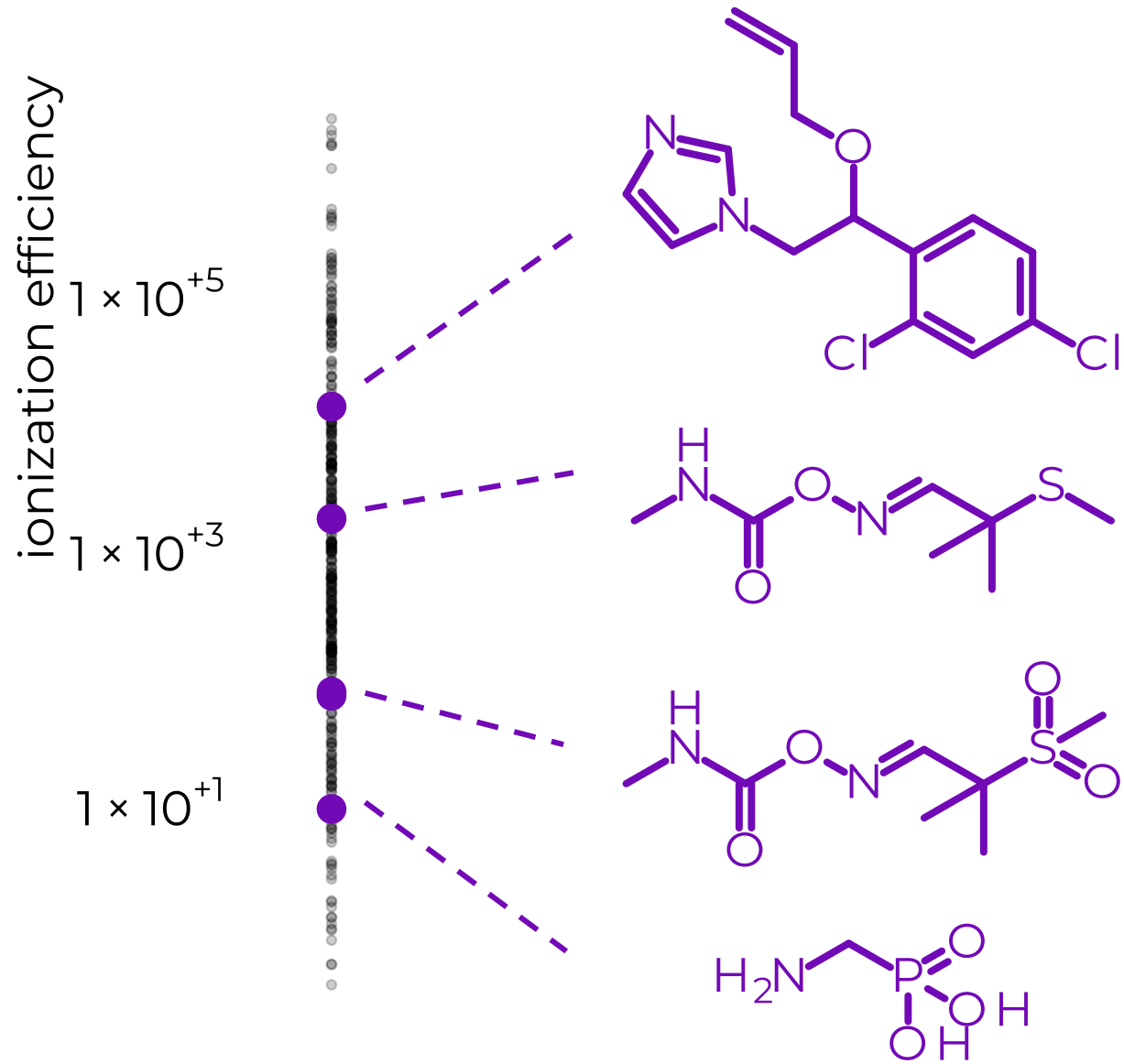
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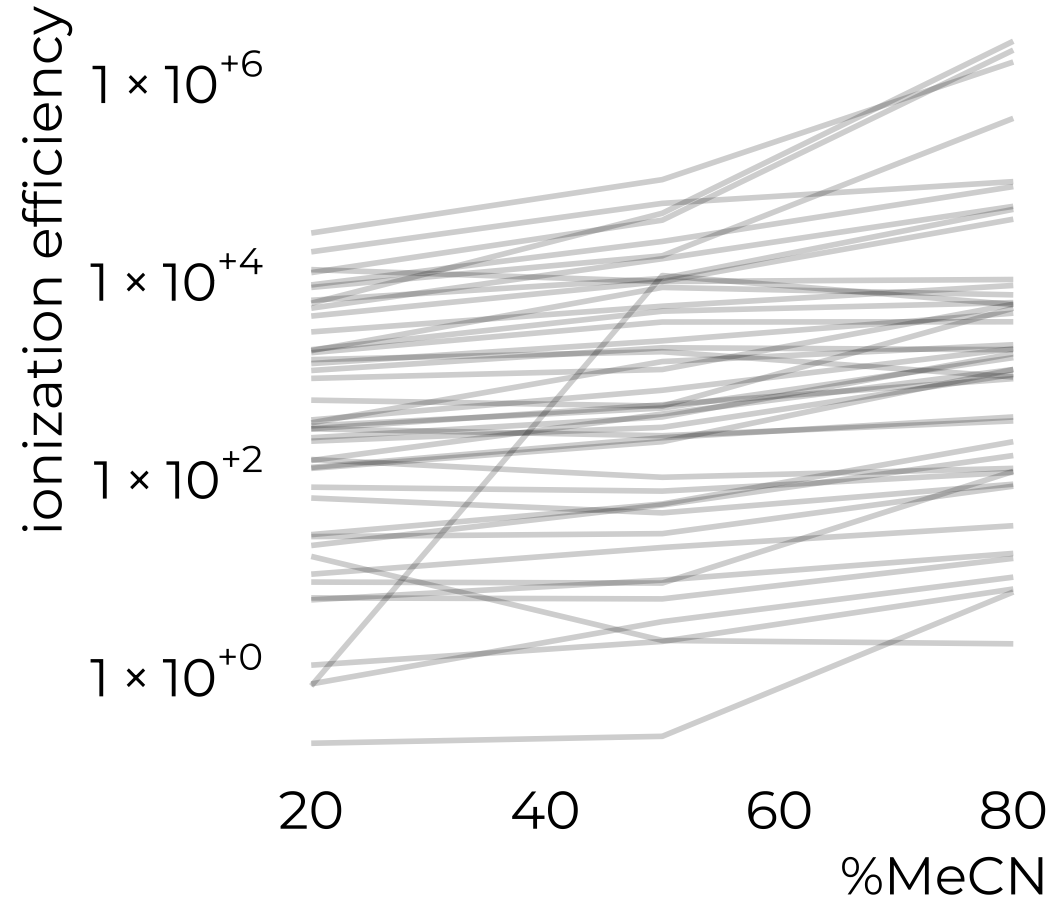
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mobile phase: organic modifier

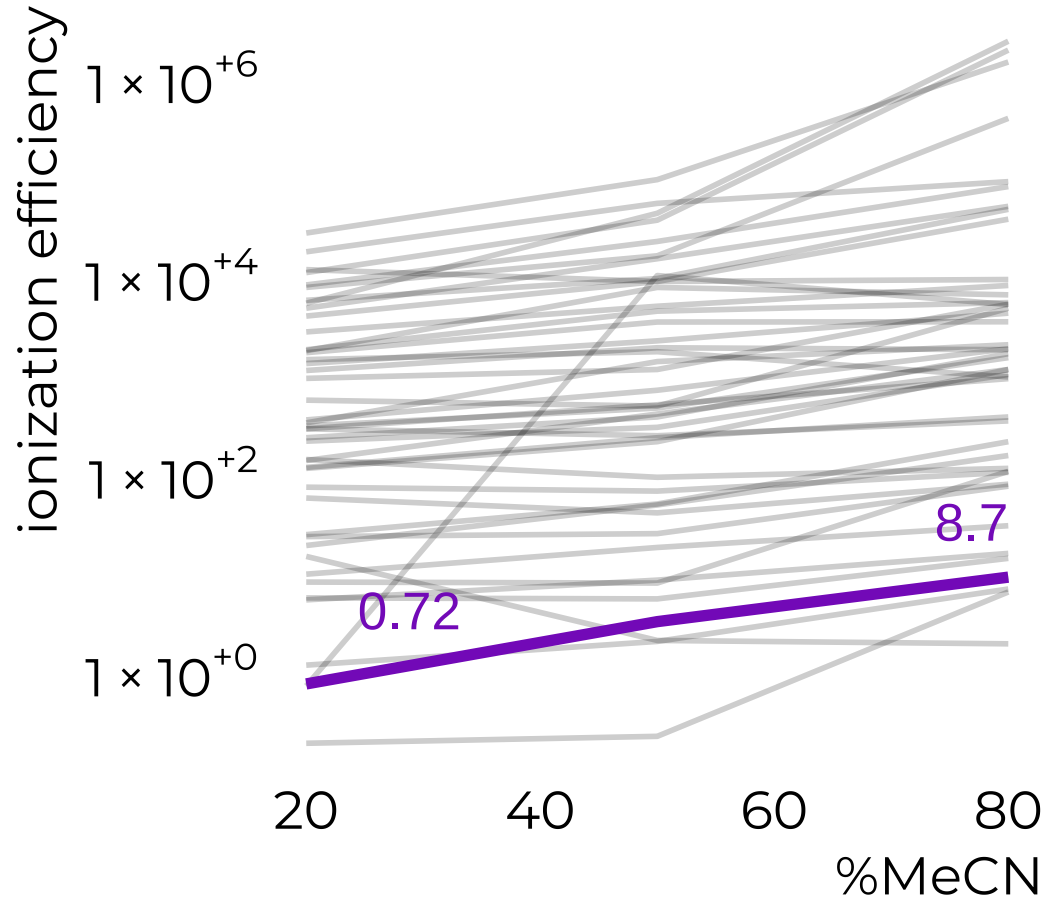
mobile phase: organic modifier

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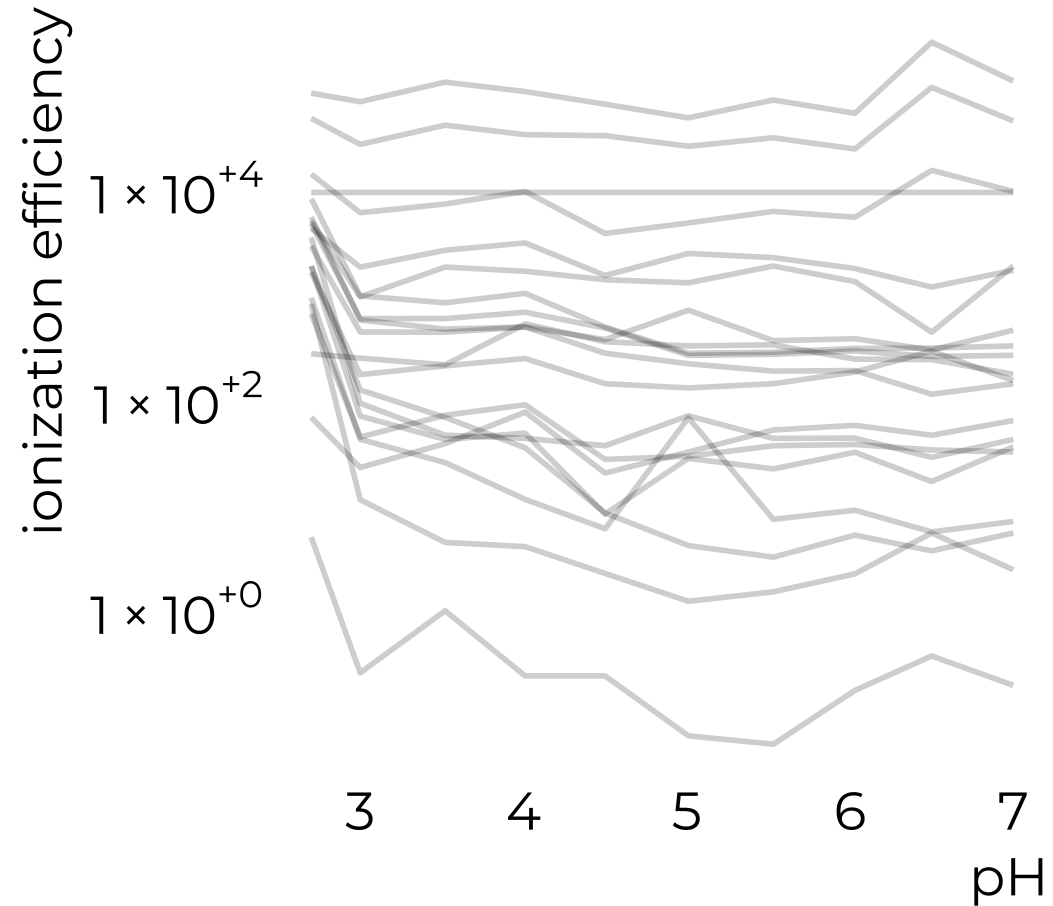
%MeCN \uparrow \sim ionization efficiency \uparrow

mobile phase: pH

mobile phase: pH

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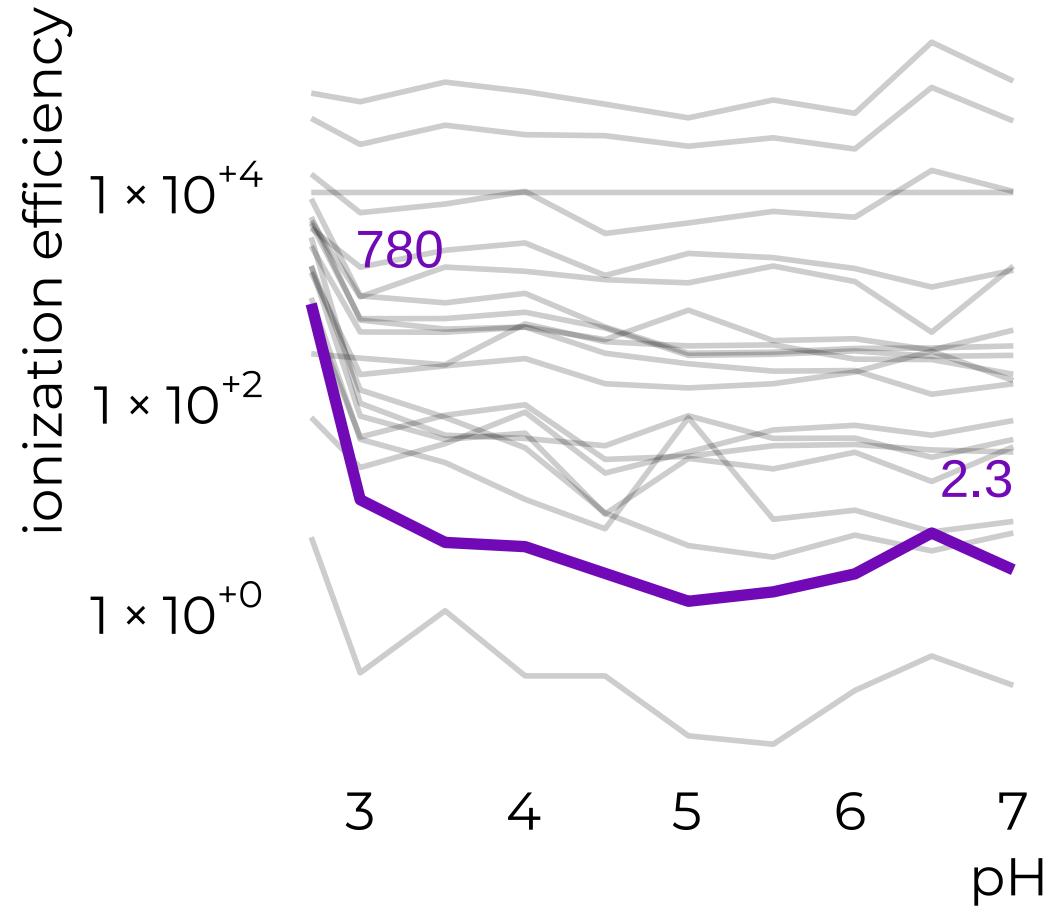
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mobile phase: pH

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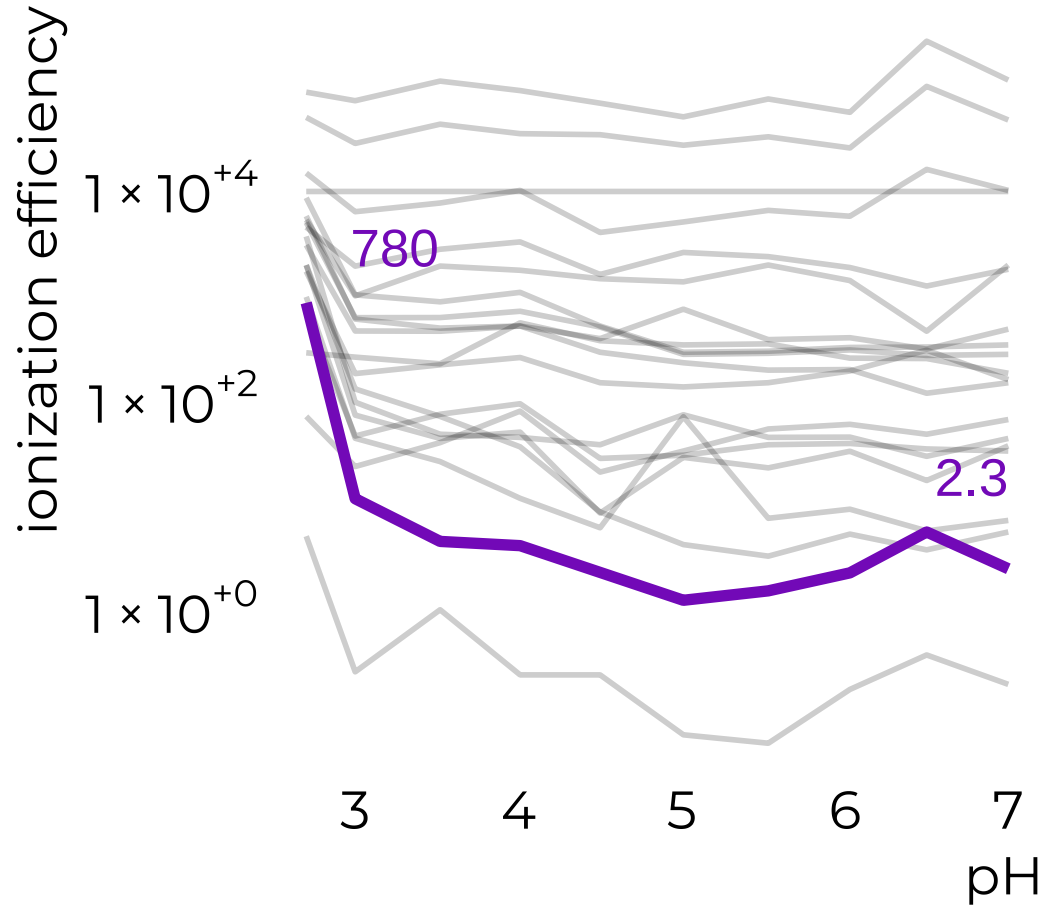
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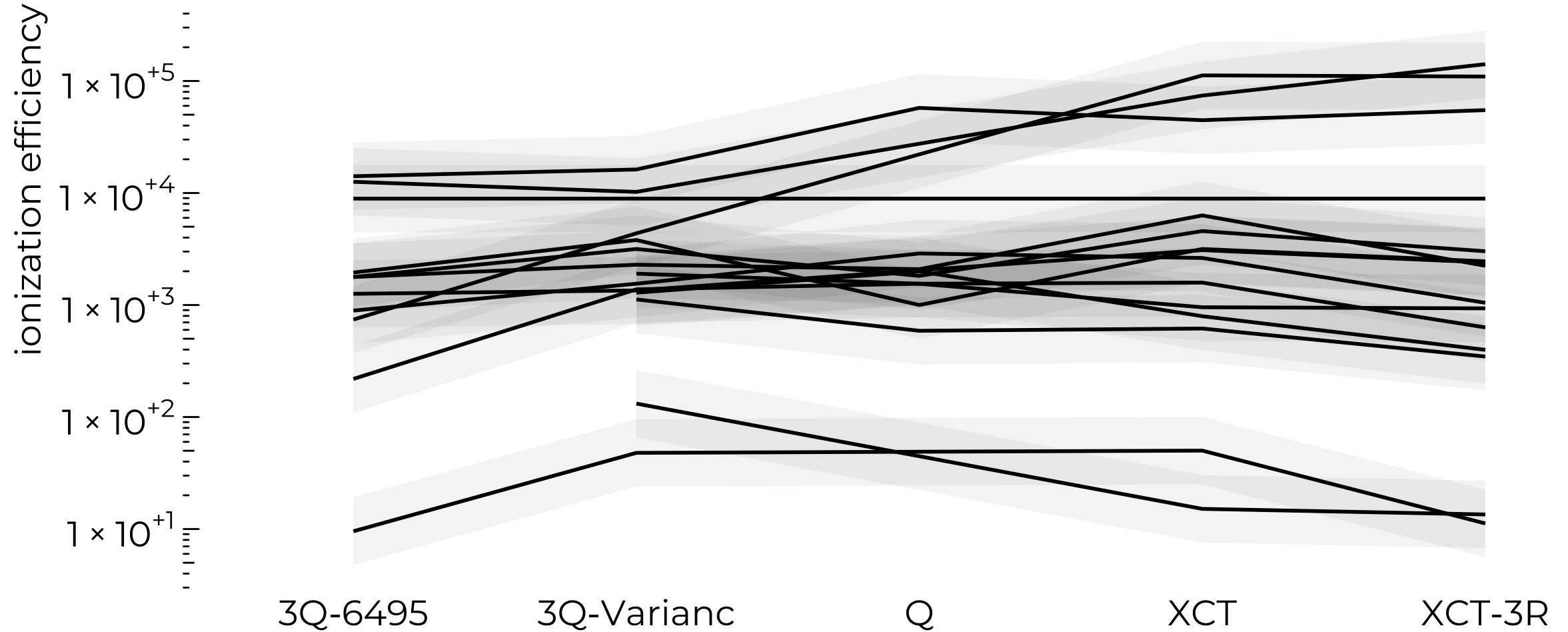


pH & buffer type affect ionization efficiency

instruments

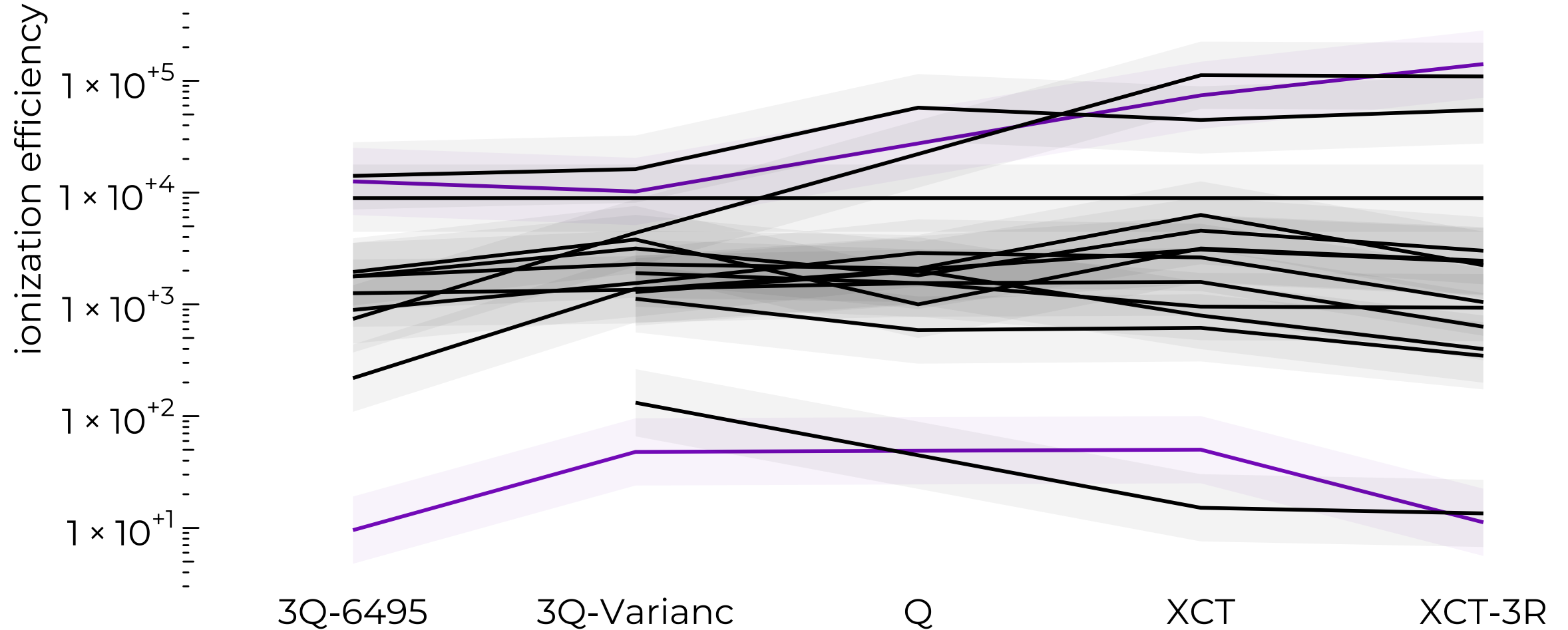
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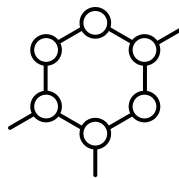
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quantification

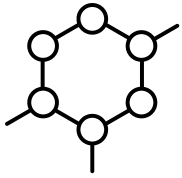
approaches

three common methods

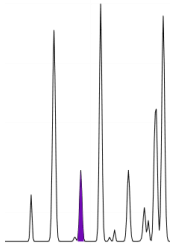


structurally similar chemicals

three common methods

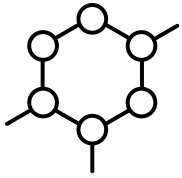


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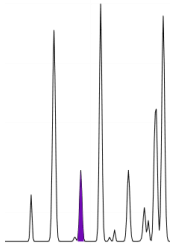


close eluting chemicals

three common methods



structurally similar chemicals



close eluting chemicals



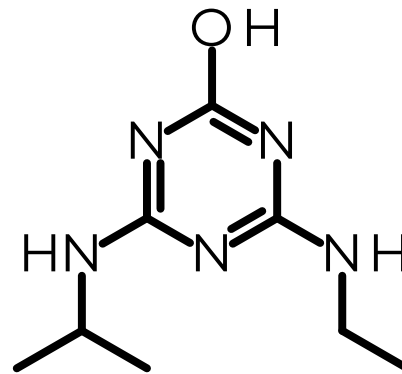
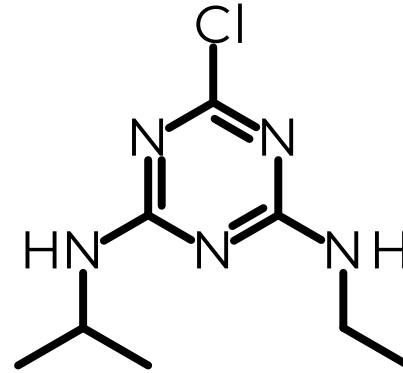
machine learning

quantification

with structurally similar chemical

parent – transformation product

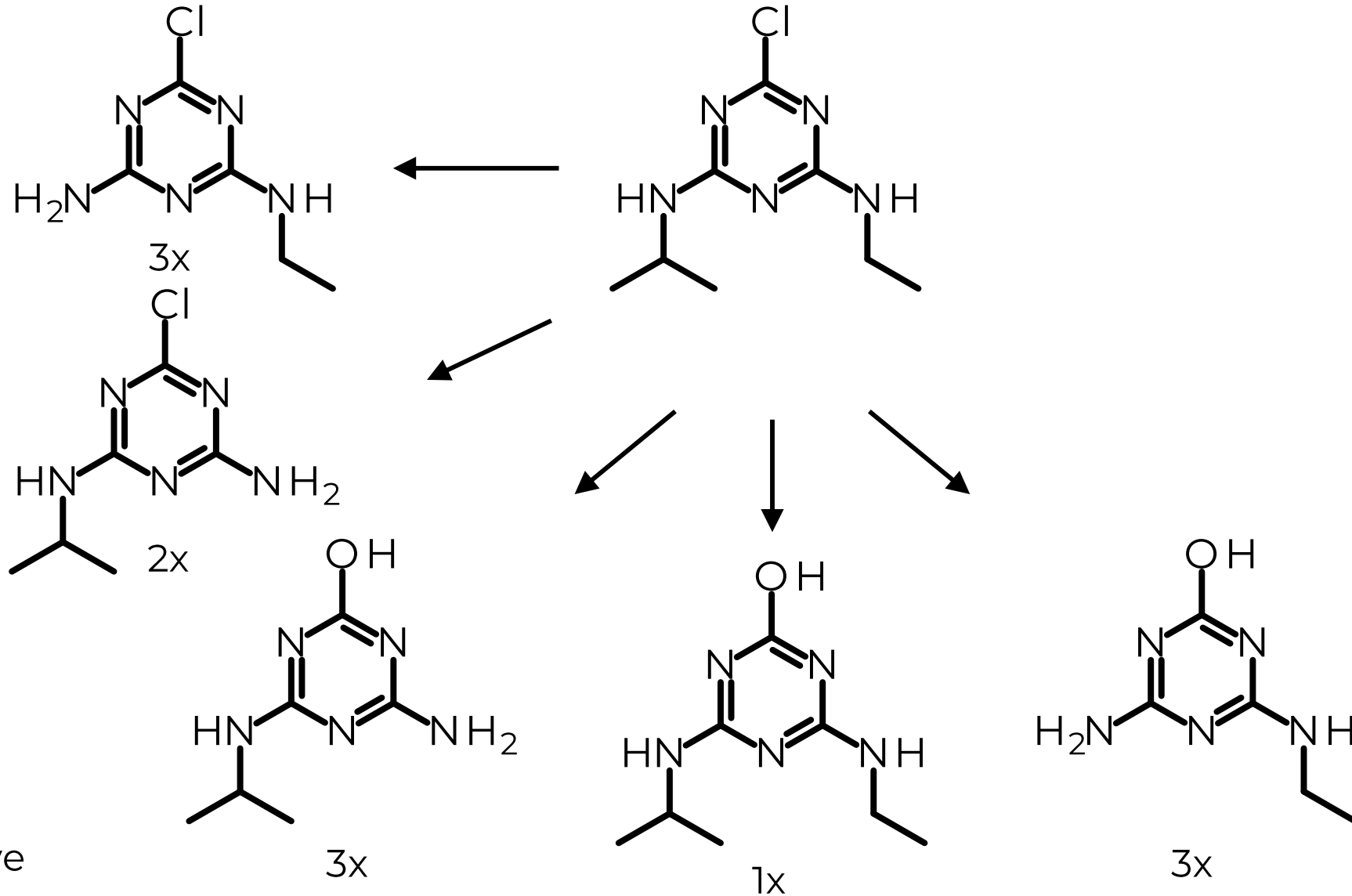
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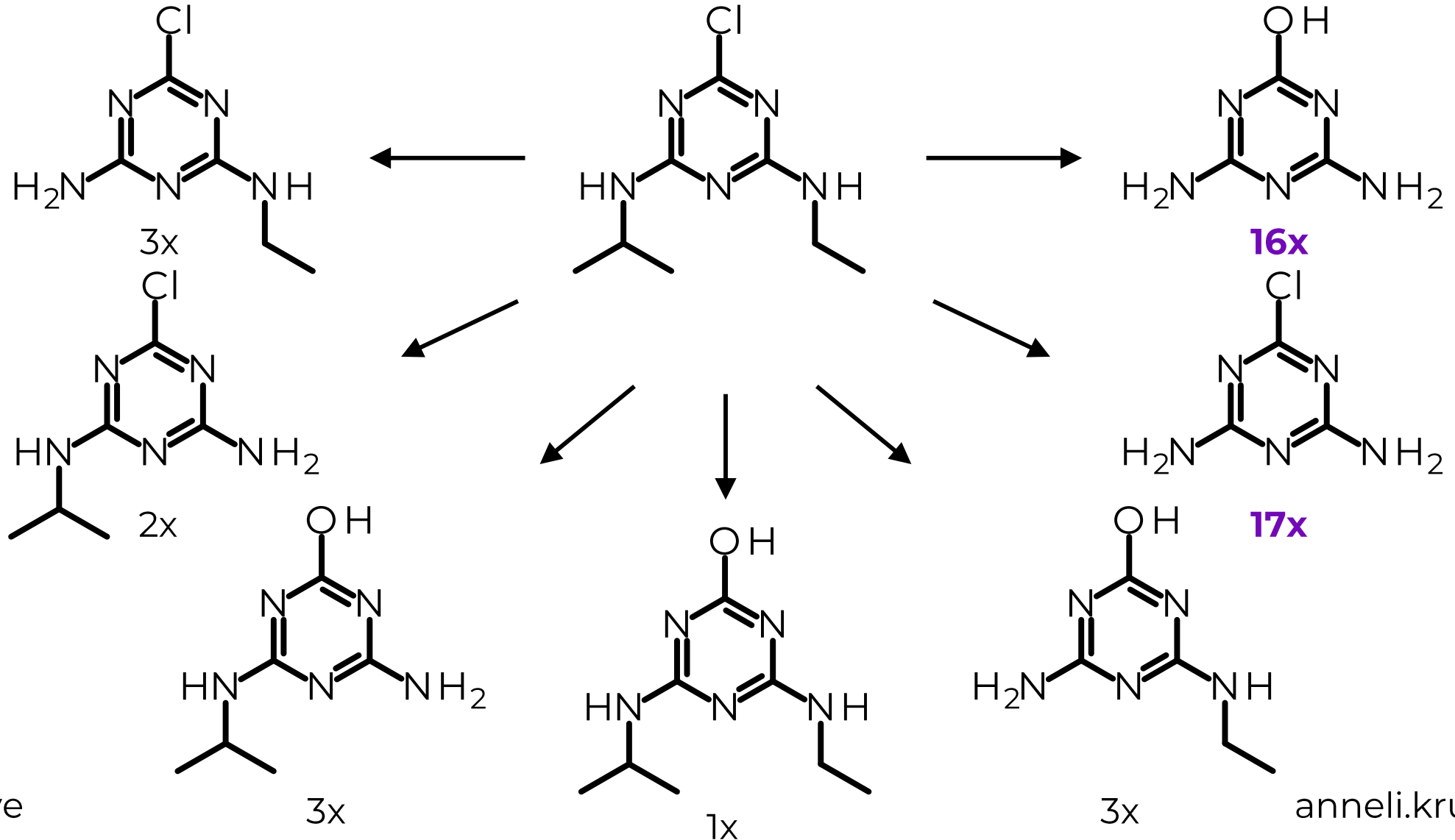
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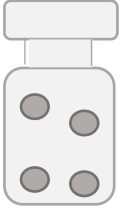
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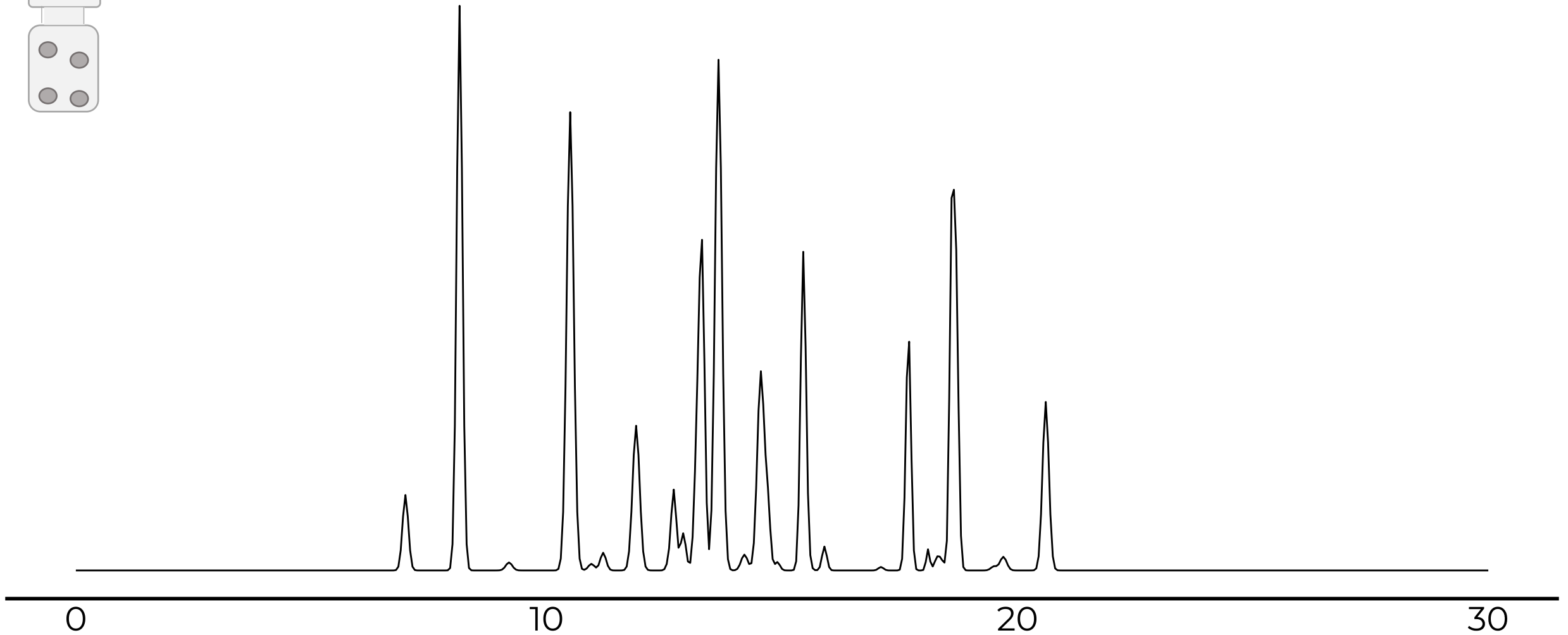
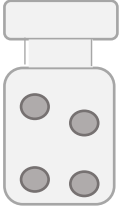
quantification

with close eluting chemical

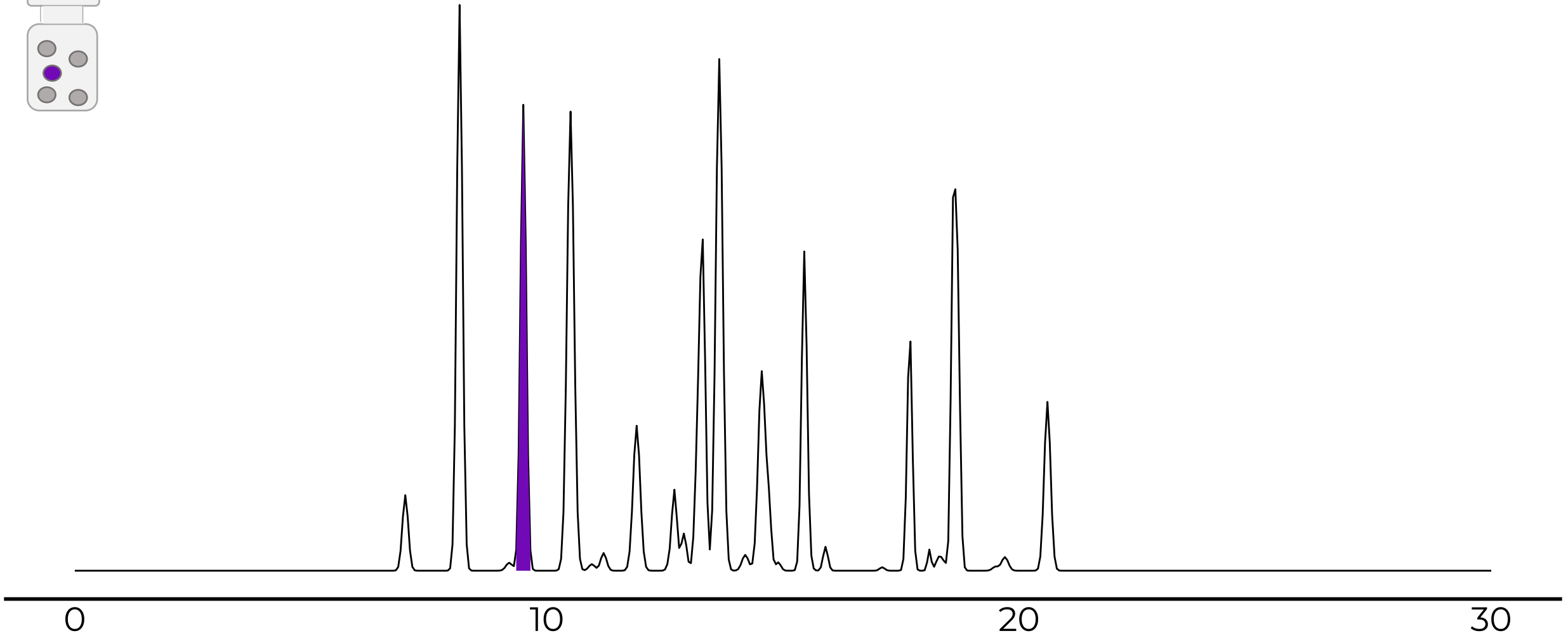
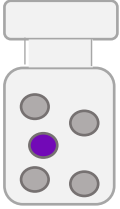
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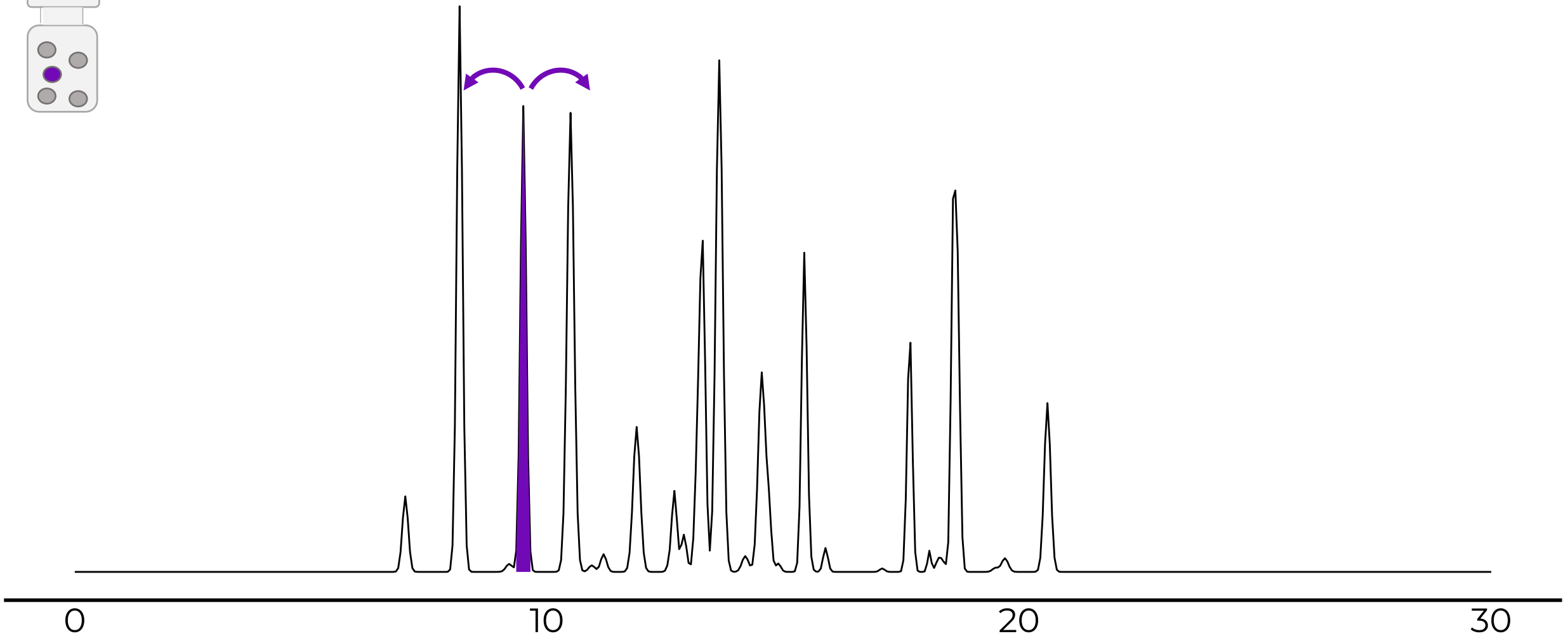
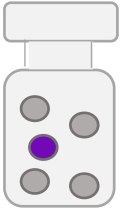
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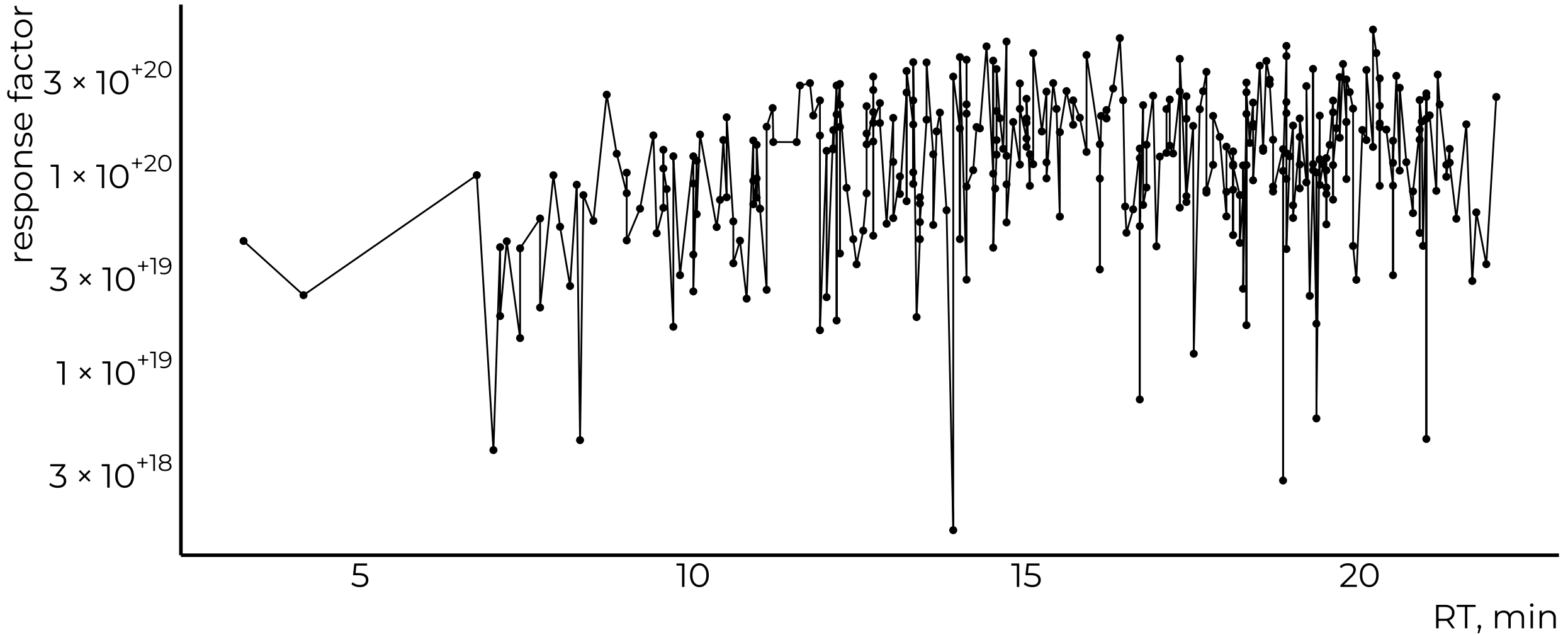
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pesticides and micropollutants

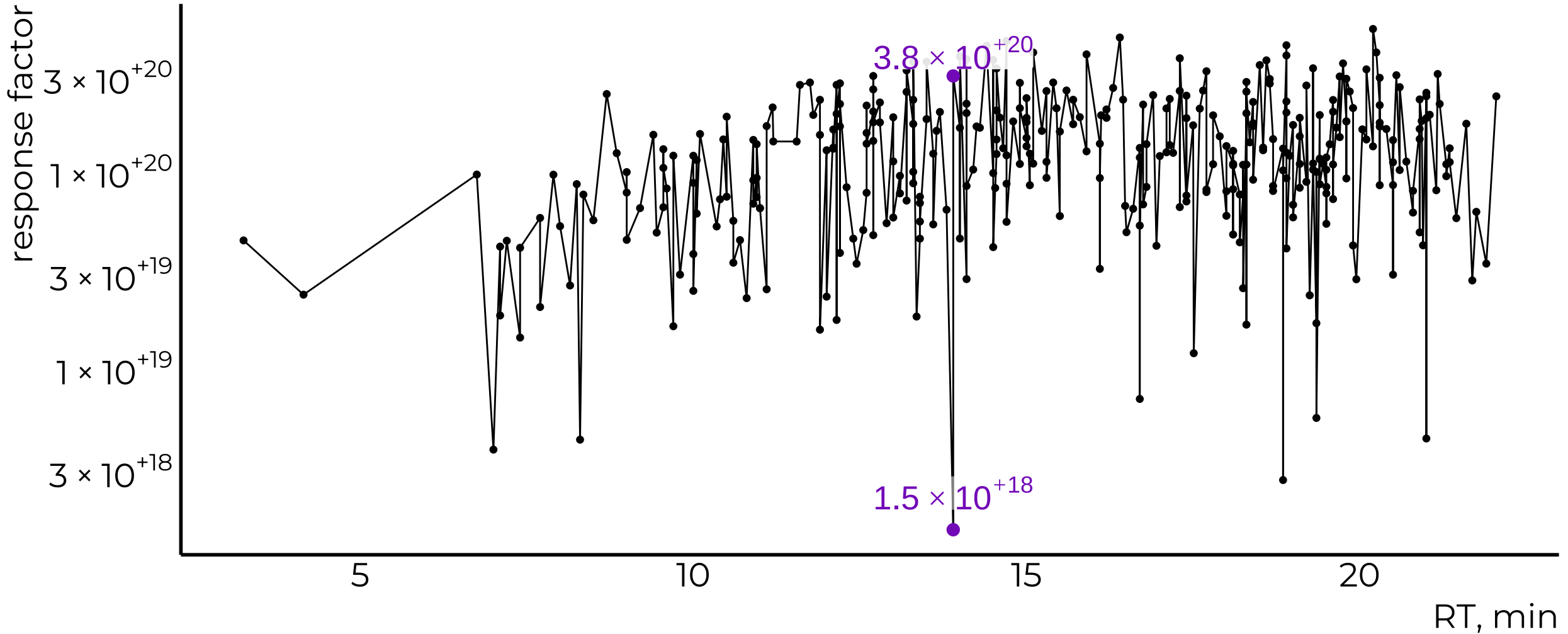
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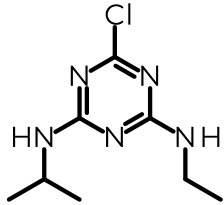
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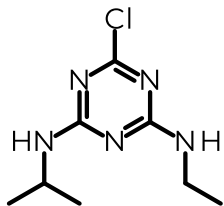
with machine learning

workflow



SMILES & solvent

workflow

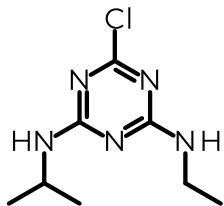


SMILES & solvent



molecular descriptors

workflow



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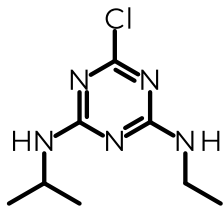


molecular descriptors



training machine learning models

workflow



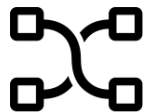
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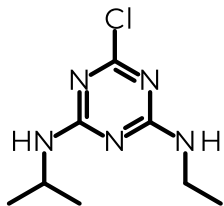


training machine learning models



best model selection

workflow



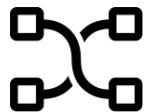
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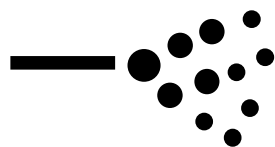
molecular descriptors



training machine learning models



best model selection



predict ionization efficiency

performance

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1403 chemicals

$x\log P$ from -6.6 to 22.5

13 labs/methods

flow injections

RP & HILIC methods

MeCN & MeOH

0 – 100%

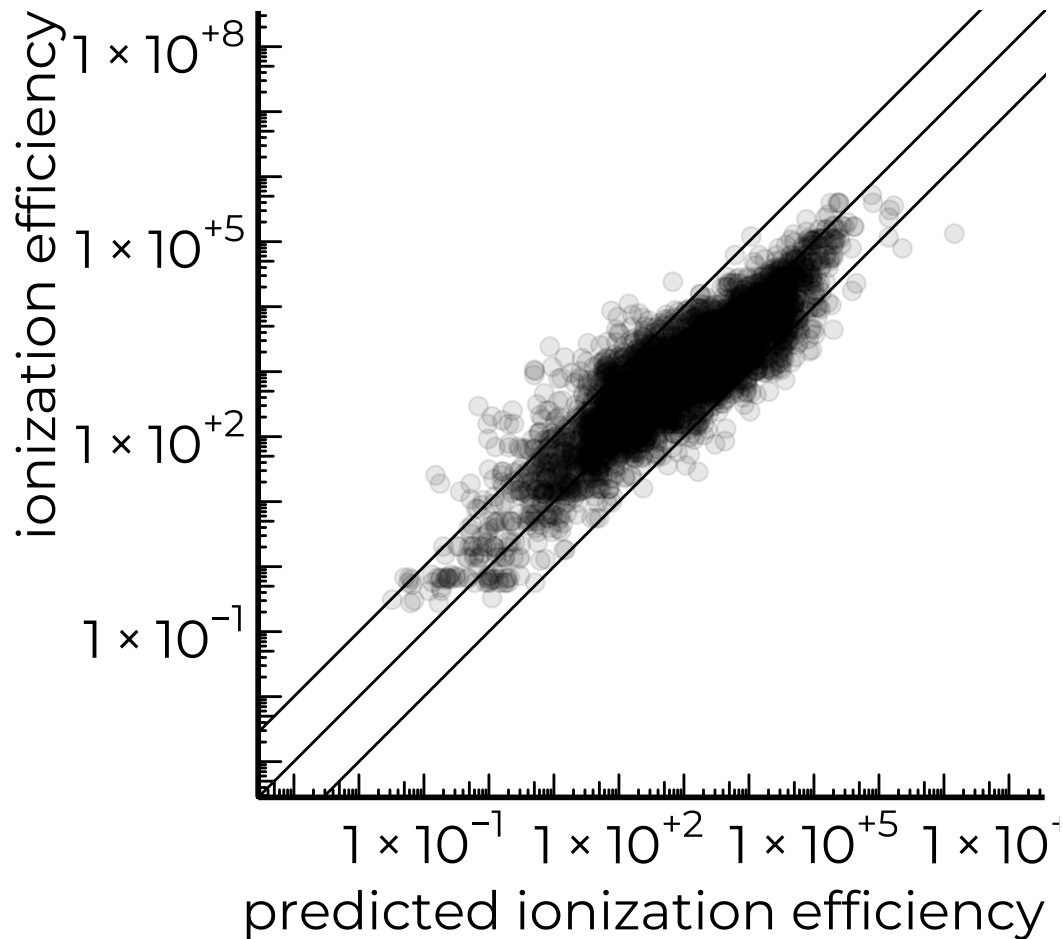
pH 2.1 – 10.8

different buffers

performance

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IE range

100,000,000

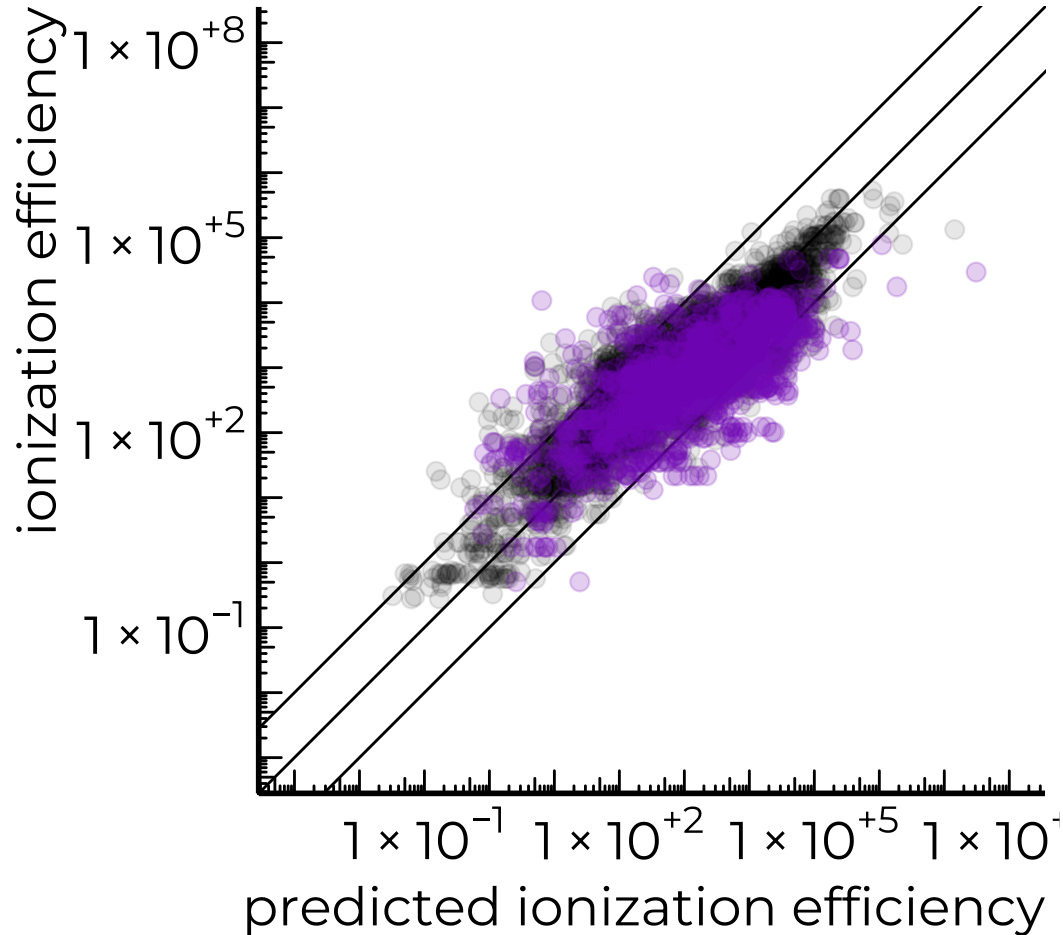
training set

RMSE 3.6x

performance

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IE range

100,000,000

training set

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test set

RMSE 5.6x

application

compound	peak area
methiocarb sulfoxide	5,300
pyridaben	5,400
aldicarb-sulfone	70,800

application



predict ionization efficiency

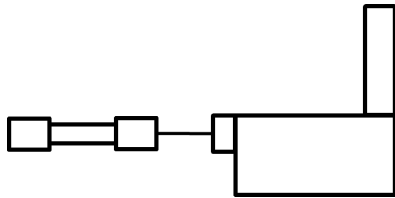
application

compound	peak area	log<i>E</i>_{pred}
methiocarb sulfoxide	5,300	2.57
pyridaben	5,400	3.78
aldicarb-sulfone	70,800	1.99

application



predict ionization efficiency



convert to instrument specific values

application

compound	peak area	logE_{pred}	c (nM)
methiocarb sulfoxide	5,300	2.57	
pyridaben	5,400	3.78	
aldicarb-sulfone	70,800	1.99	
atrazine-D5			4.5
gabapentin-lactam			0.35
sitagliptin			0.23
5-methyl-1H-benzotriazole			0.94
neburon			3.4
caffeine			0.50

application

compound	peak area	logE_{pred}	c (nM)
methiocarb sulfoxide	5,300	2.57	
pyridaben	5,400	3.78	
aldicarb-sulfone	70,800	1.99	
atrazine-D5	450,000		4.5
gabapentin-lactam	10,400		0.35
sitagliptin	8,100		0.23
5-methyl-1H-benzotriazole	27,000		0.94
neburon	243,000		3.4
caffeine	5,600		0.50

application

$$RF_{\text{measured}} = \text{peak area} / c$$

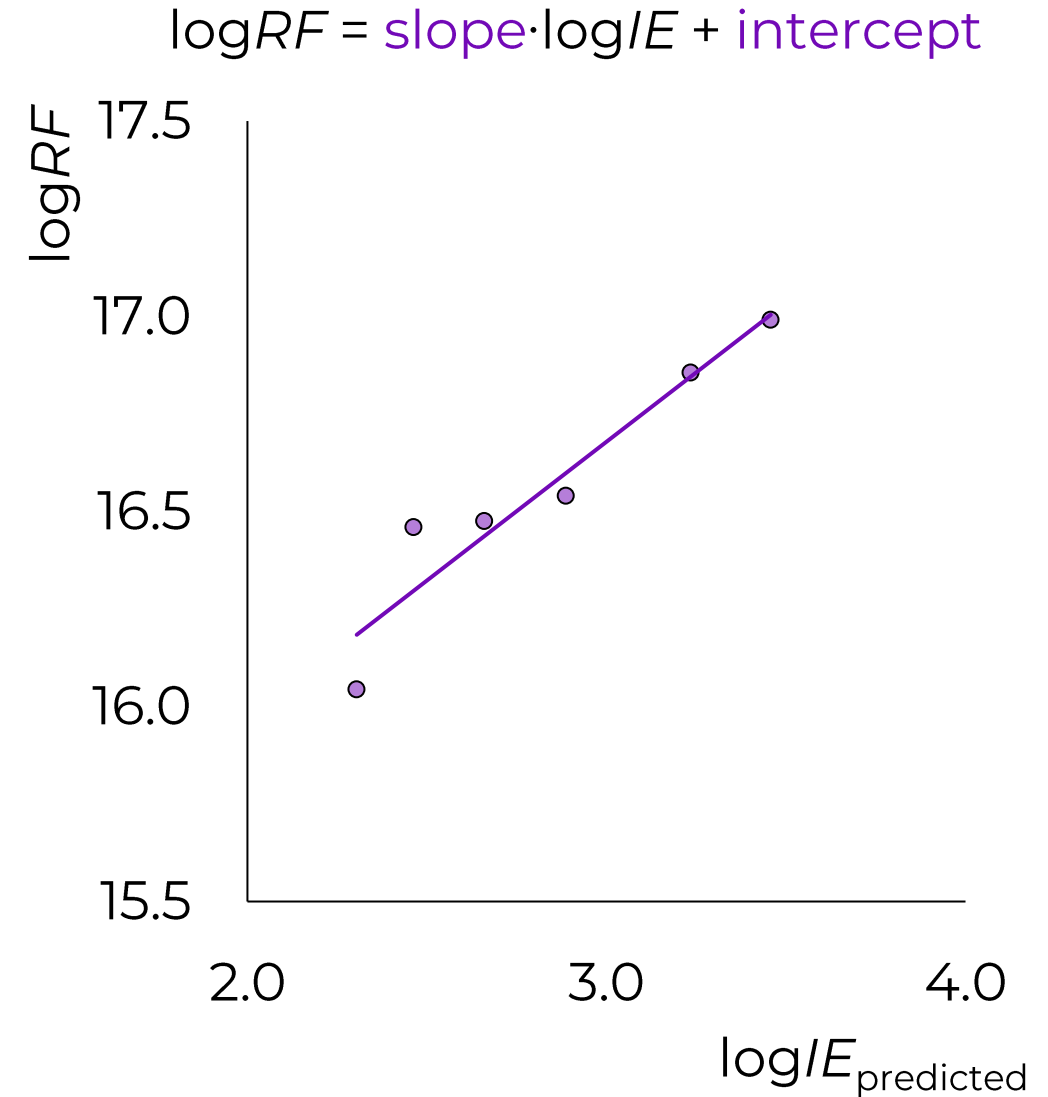
compound	peak area	\log/E_{pred}	c (nM)	$RF_{\text{meas}} \cdot 10^{16}$
methiocarb sulfoxide	5,300	2.57		
pyridaben	5,400	3.78		
aldicarb-sulfone	70,800	1.99		
atrazine-D5	450,000		4.5	9.8
gabapentin-lactam	10,400		0.35	3.0
sitagliptin	8,100		0.23	3.5
5-methyl-1H-benzotriazole	27,000		0.94	2.9
neburon	243,000		3.4	7.2
caffeine	5,600		0.50	1.1

application

compound	peak area	logI_{pred}	c (nM)	$RF_{\text{meas}} \cdot 10^{16}$
methiocarb sulfoxide	5,300	2.57		
pyridaben	5,400	3.78		
aldicarb-sulfone	70,800	1.99		
atrazine-D5	450,000	3.46	4.5	9.8
gabapentin-lactam	10,400	2.66	0.35	3.0
sitagliptin	8,100	2.89	0.23	3.5
5-methyl-1H-benzotriazole	27,000	2.46	0.94	2.9
neburon	243,000	3.23	3.4	7.2
caffeine	5,600	2.30	0.50	1.1

application

compound	peak area	$\log I/E_{\text{pred}}$
methiocarb sulfoxide	5,300	2.57
pyridaben	5,400	3.78
aldicarb-sulfone	70,800	1.99
atrazine-D5	450,000	3.46
gabapentin-lactam	10,400	2.66
sitagliptin	8,100	2.89
5-methyl-1H-benzotriazole	27,000	2.46
neburon	243,000	3.23
caffeine	5,600	2.30



application

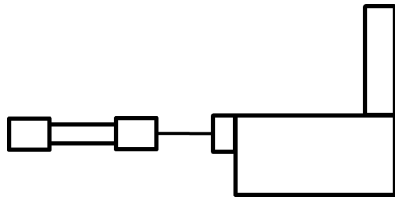
$$\log RF_{\text{predicted}} = \text{slope} \cdot \log/E_{\text{predicted}} + \text{intercept}$$

compound	peak area	log/E_{pred}	c (nM)	RF_{meas}·10¹⁶	RF_{pred}·10¹⁶
methiocarb sulfoxide	5,300	2.57			2.6
pyridaben	5,400	3.78			15.5
aldicarb-sulfone	70,800	1.99			1.1
atrazine-D5	450,000	3.46	4.5	9.8	
gabapentin-lactam	10,400	2.66	0.35	3.0	
sitagliptin	8,100	2.89	0.23	3.5	
5-methyl-1H-benzotriazole	27,000	2.46	0.94	2.9	
neburon	243,000	3.23	3.4	7.2	
caffeine	5,600	2.30	0.50	1.1	

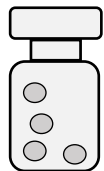
application



predict ionization efficiency



convert to instrument specific values



estimate concentration

application

$$c = \text{peak area} / RF_{\text{predicted}}$$

compound	peak area	logI_{pred}	c (nM)	$RF_{\text{meas}} \cdot 10^{16}$	$RF_{\text{pred}} \cdot 10^{16}$	c_{pred} (nM)
methiocarb sulfoxide	5,300	2.57			2.6	0.20
pyridaben	5,400	3.78			15.5	0.035
aldicarb-sulfone	70,800	1.99			1.1	6.3
atrazine-D5	450,000	3.46	4.5	9.8		
gabapentin-lactam	10,400	2.66	0.35	3.0		
sitagliptin	8,100	2.89	0.23	3.5		
5-methyl-1H-benzotriazole	27,000	2.46	0.94	2.9		
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caffeine	5,600	2.30	0.50	1.1		

case studies



water

chemicals in surface water

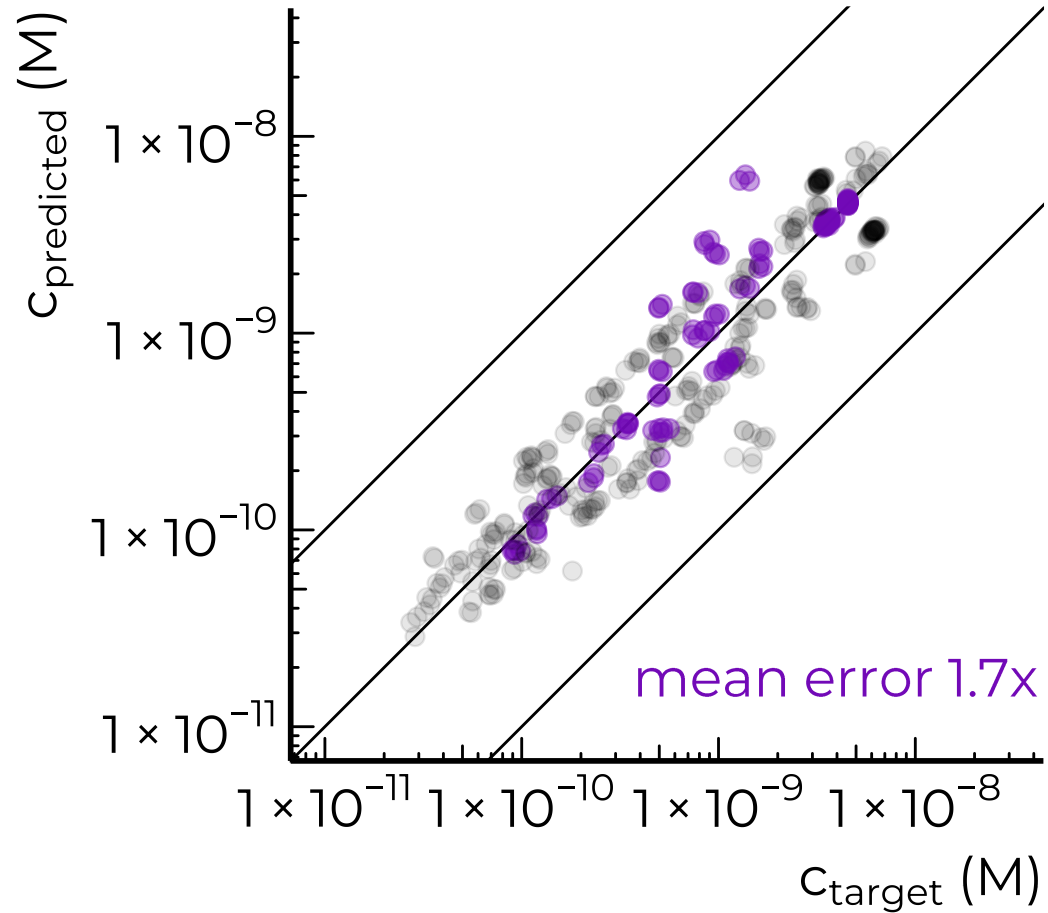
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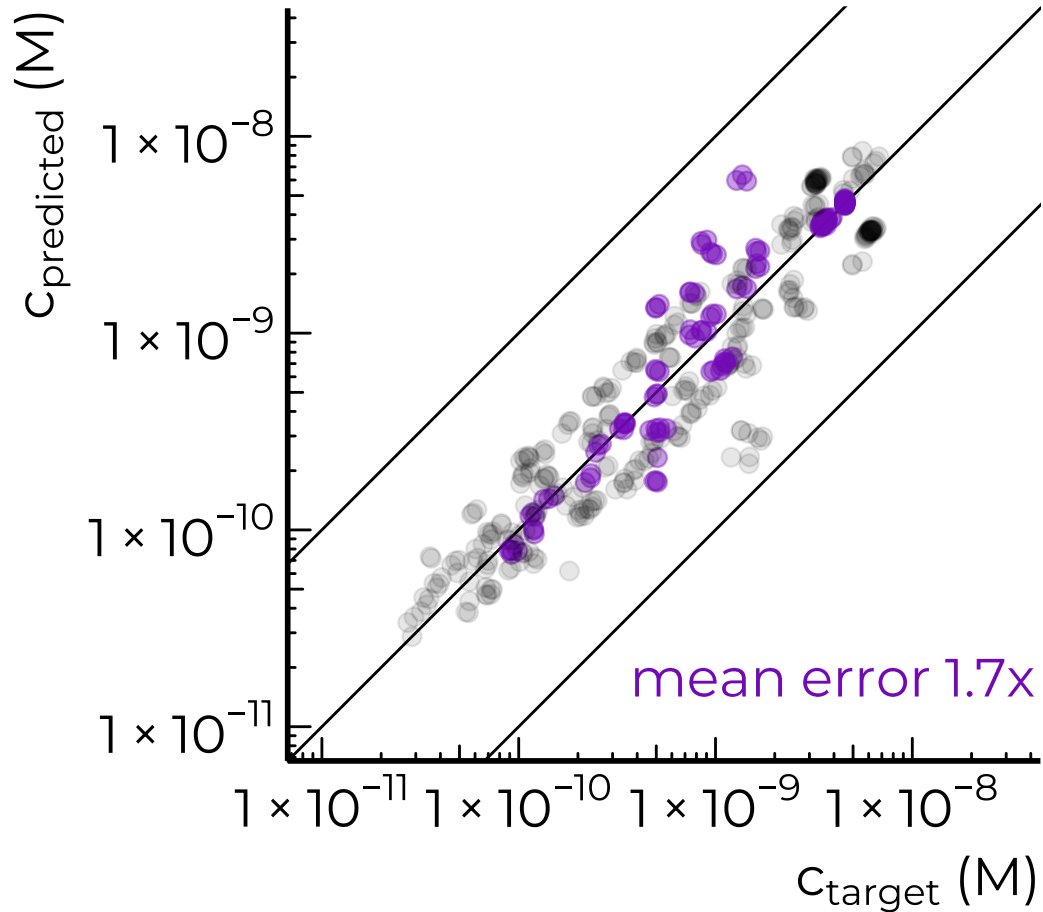
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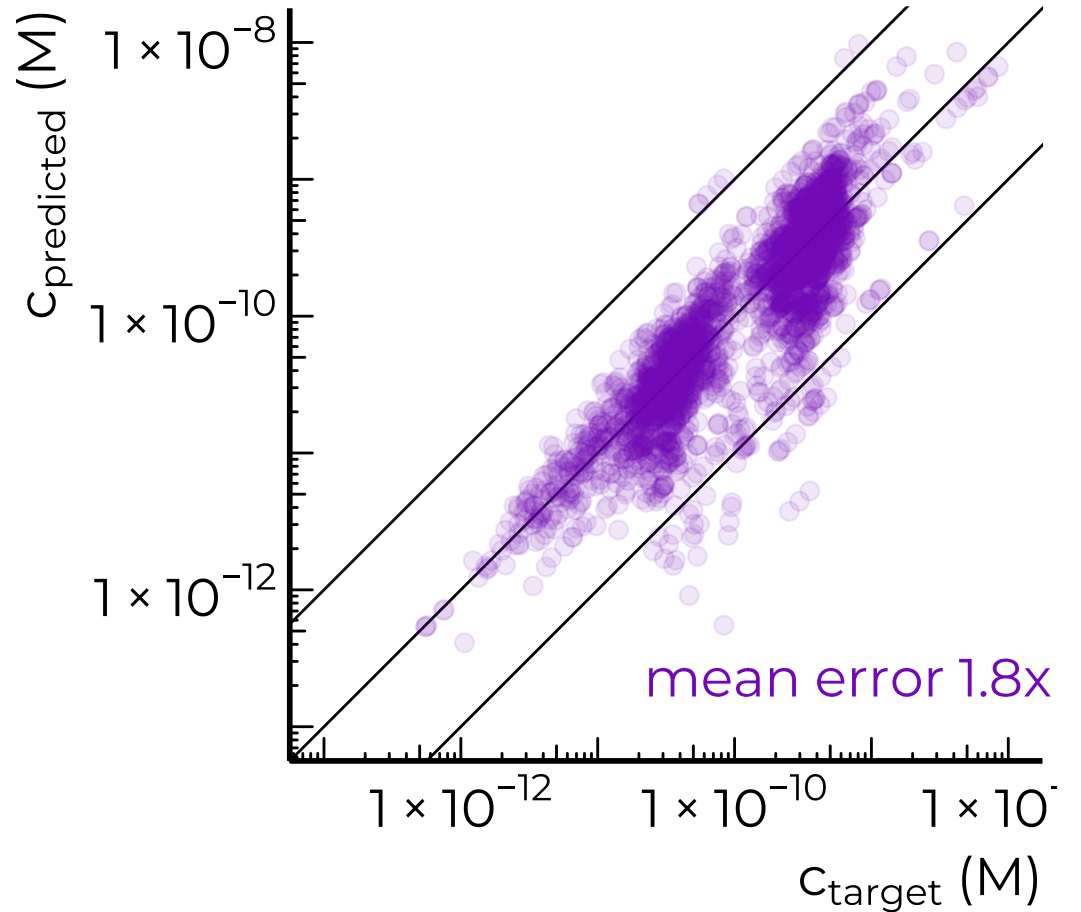
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case studies



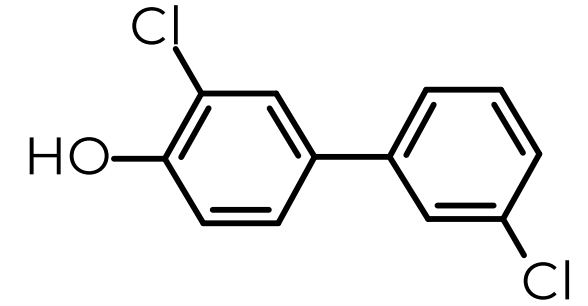
water



blood

OH-PCBs in blood plasma

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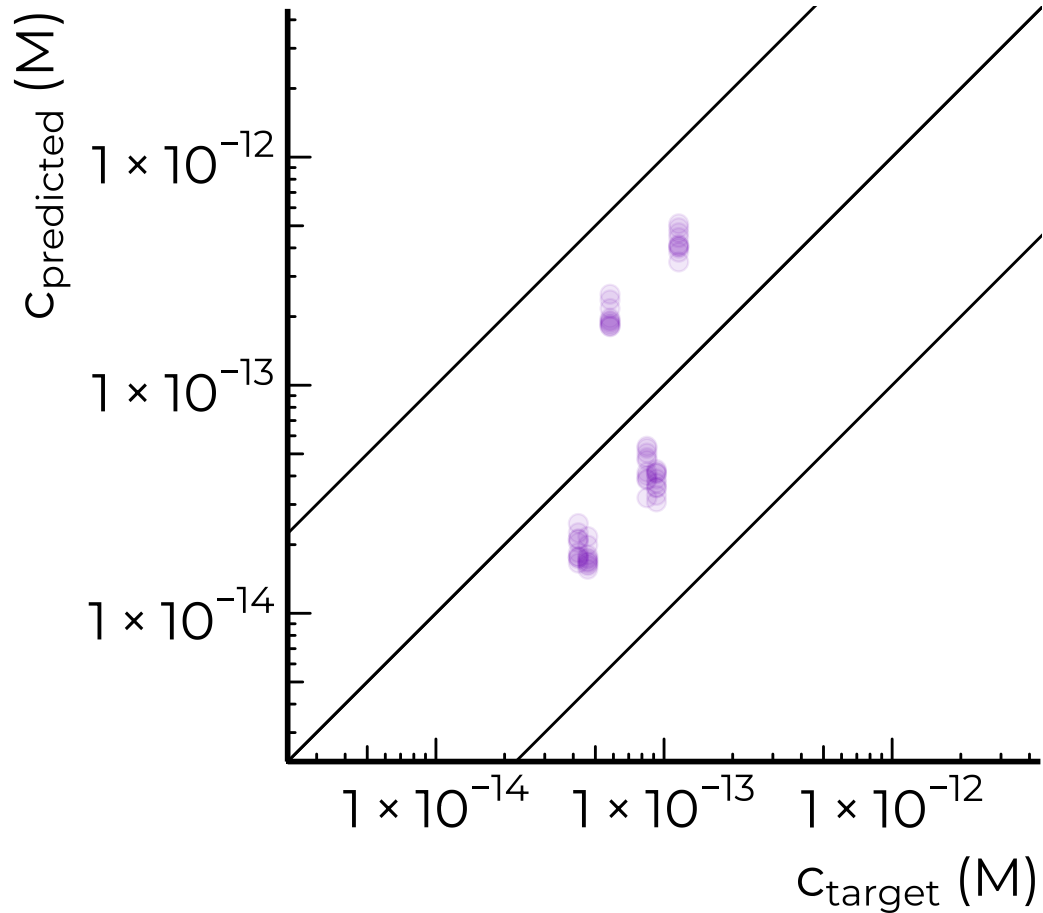
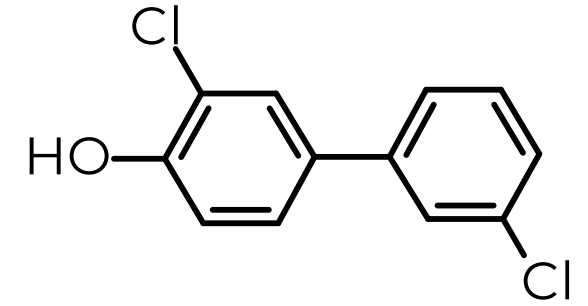


retrained with small set of OH-PCBs

tested on 3 OH-PCBs

OH-PCBs in blood plasma

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retrained with small set of OH-PCBs

tested on 3 OH-PCBs

different matrixes

mean error 2.0x to 3.6x

case studies



water



blood



food

pesticides in food

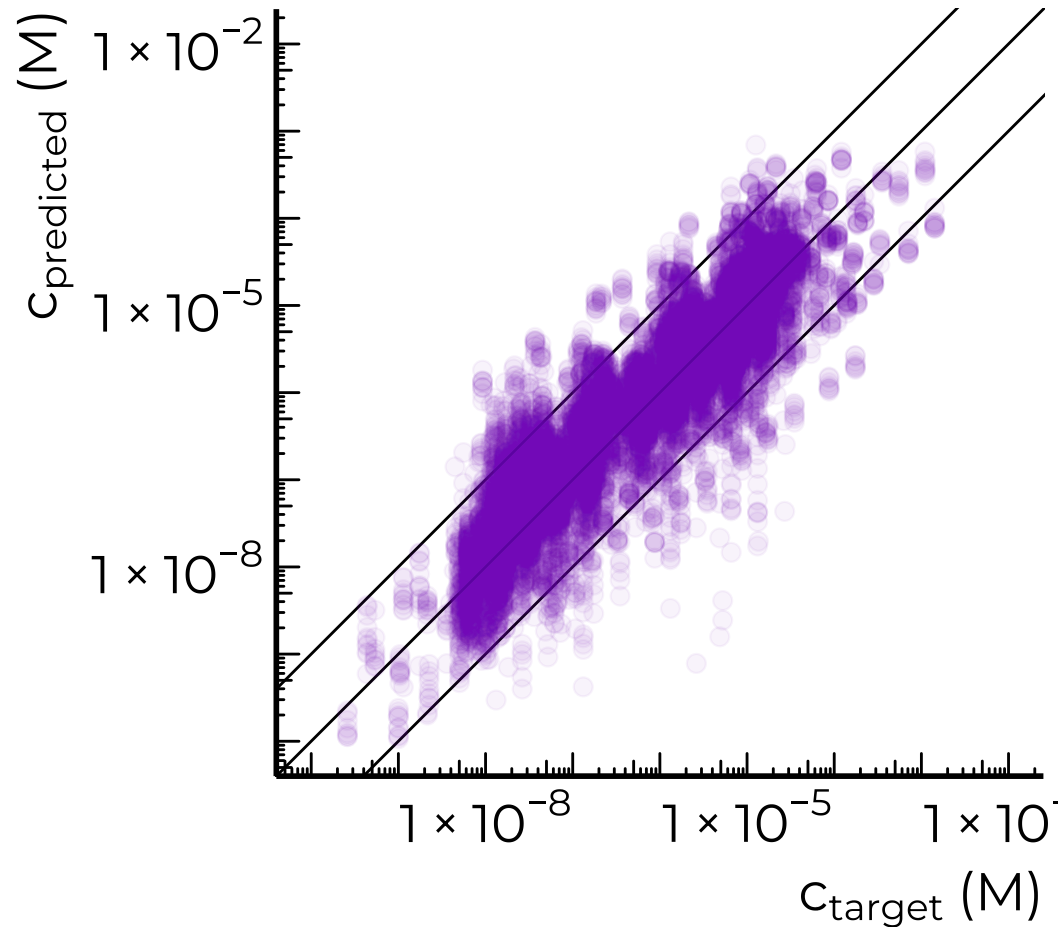
Wang et al. Food Chem 2020

195 pesticides in 5 cereal matrices

11,500 data points

pesticides in food

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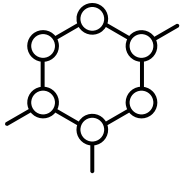
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mean error 5.3x

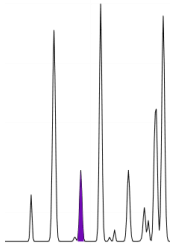
89% of points with error <10x

norman interlab

tested methods



structurally similar chemicals
transformation product - parent
Tanimoto similarity



close eluting chemicals



machine learning
Liigand et al.
Aalizadeh et al.

participants



submitted results from
38 labs

sample



HPLC water

sample



HPLC water



drinking water

sample



HPLC water

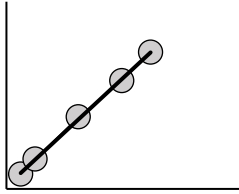


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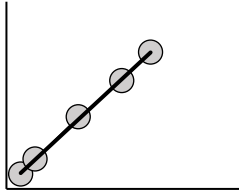
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chemicals

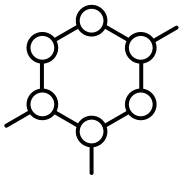


36 calibration chemicals
known concentration

chemicals

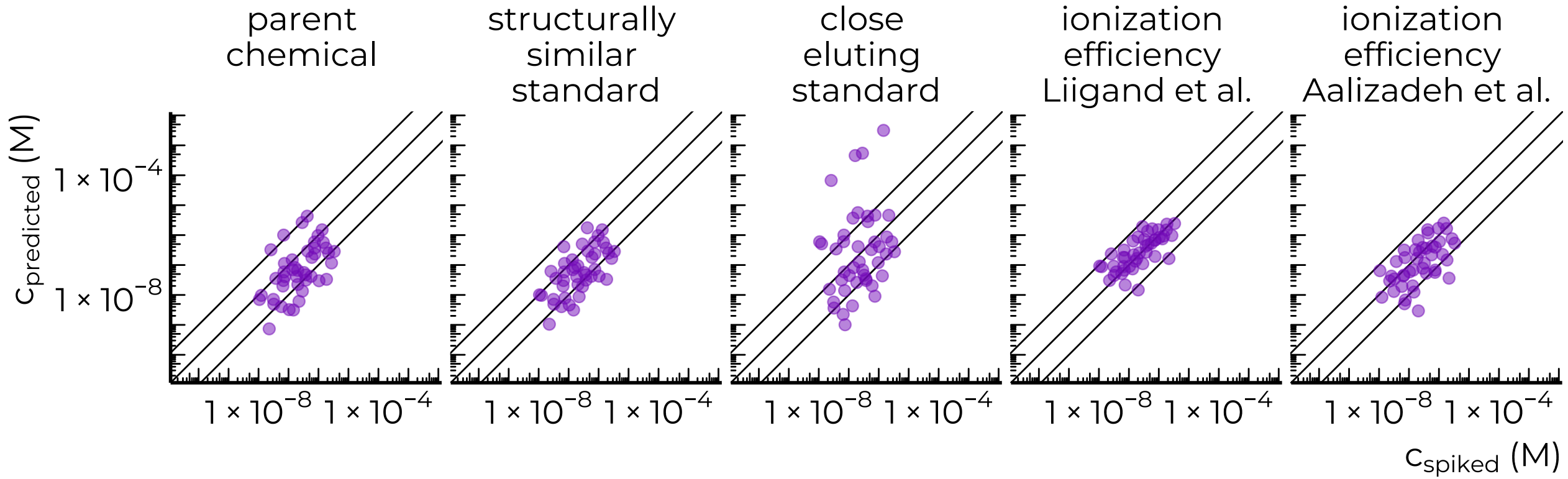


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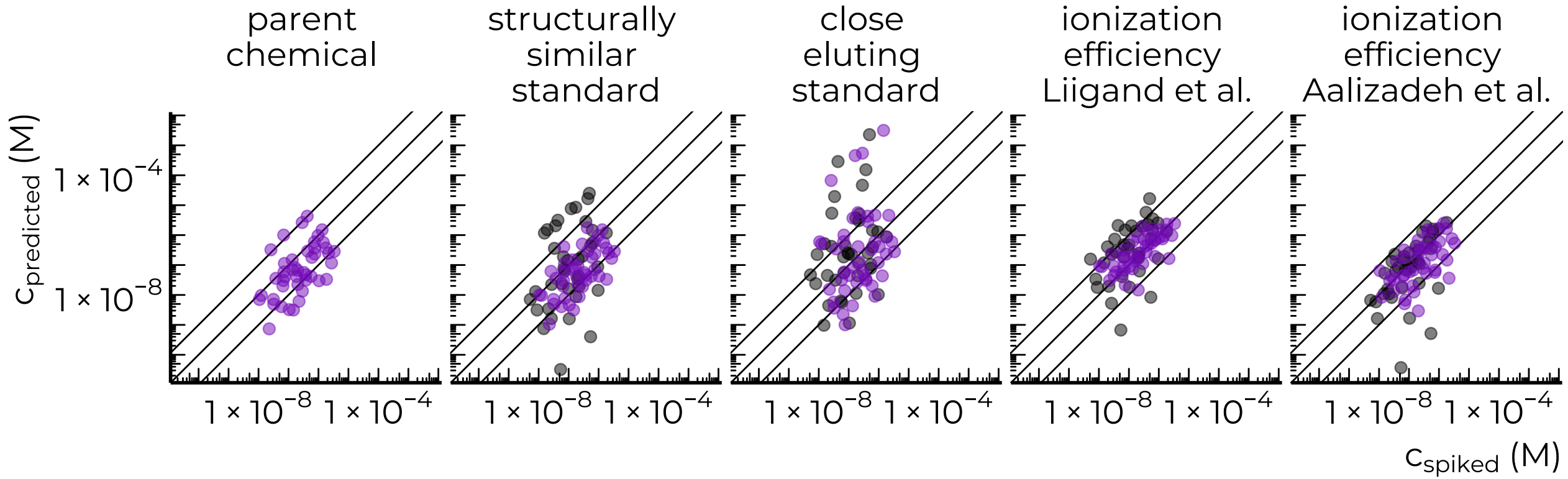


38 suspect chemicals
low and high concentration spike

quantification accuracy TPs

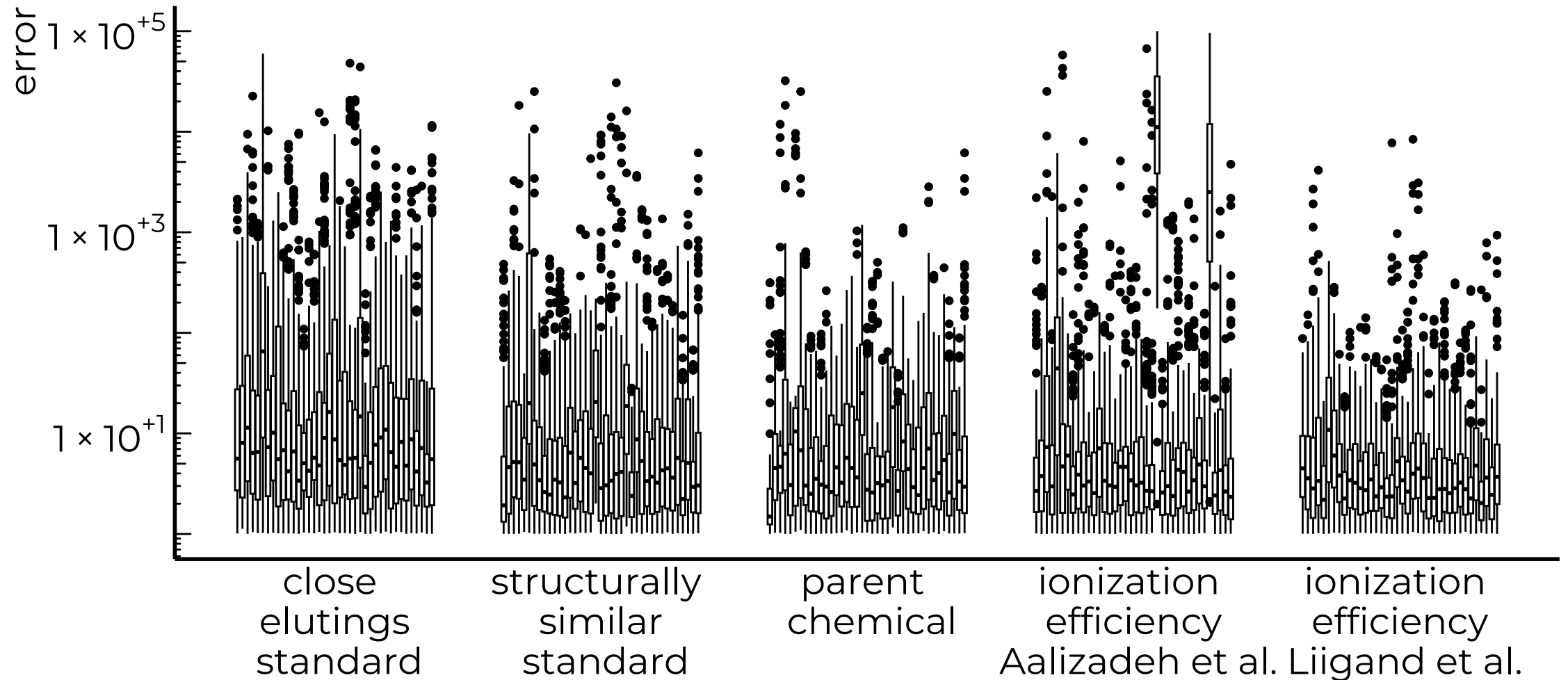


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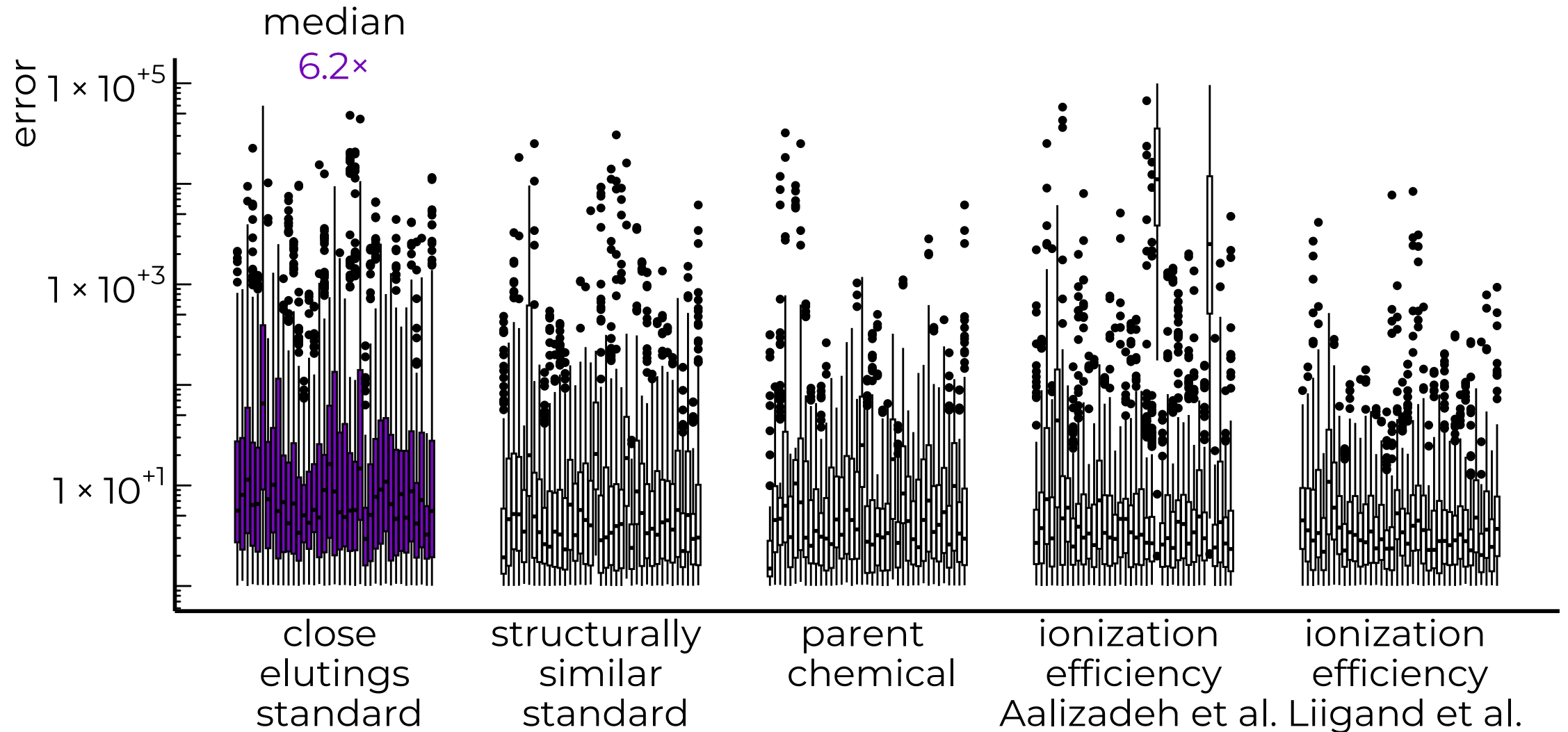


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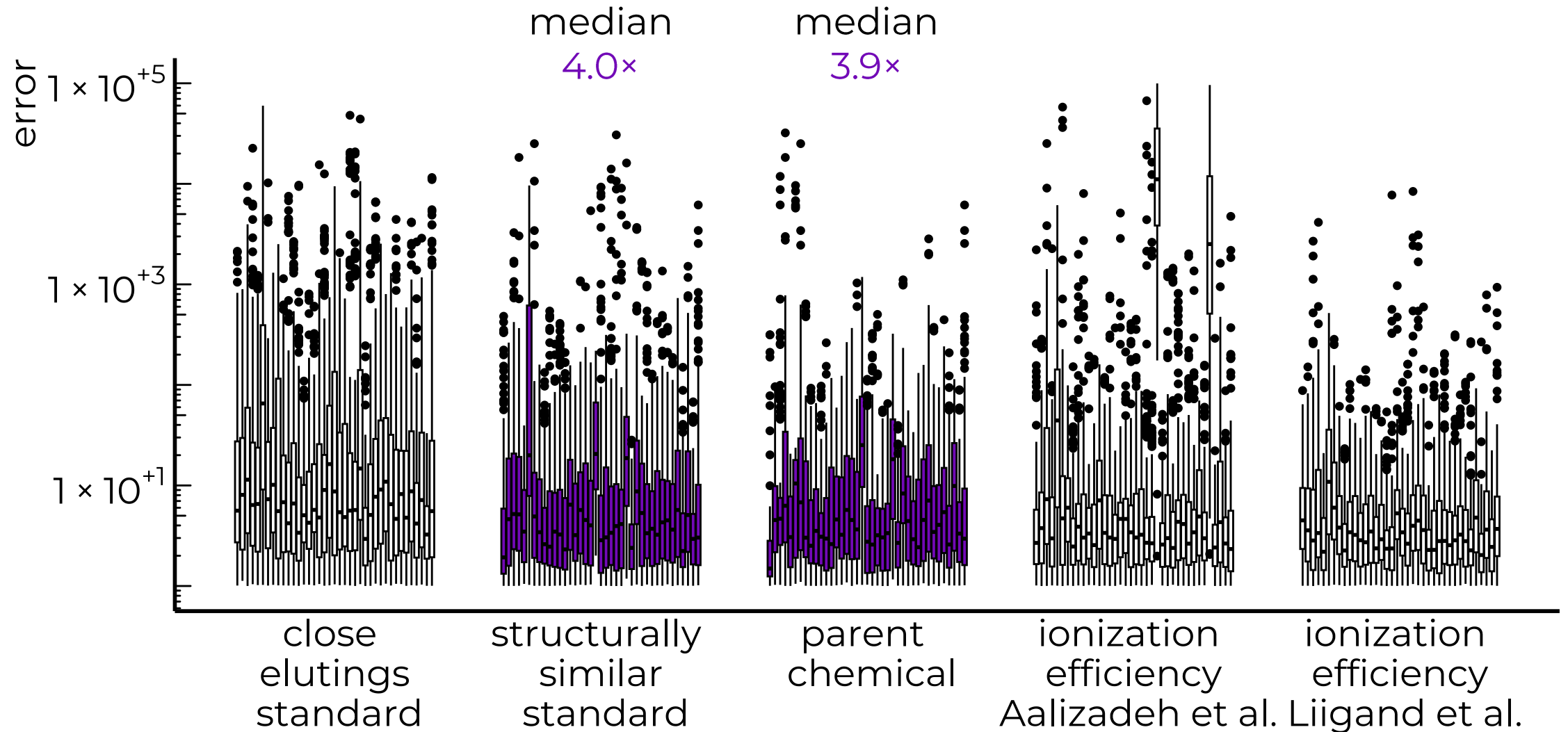
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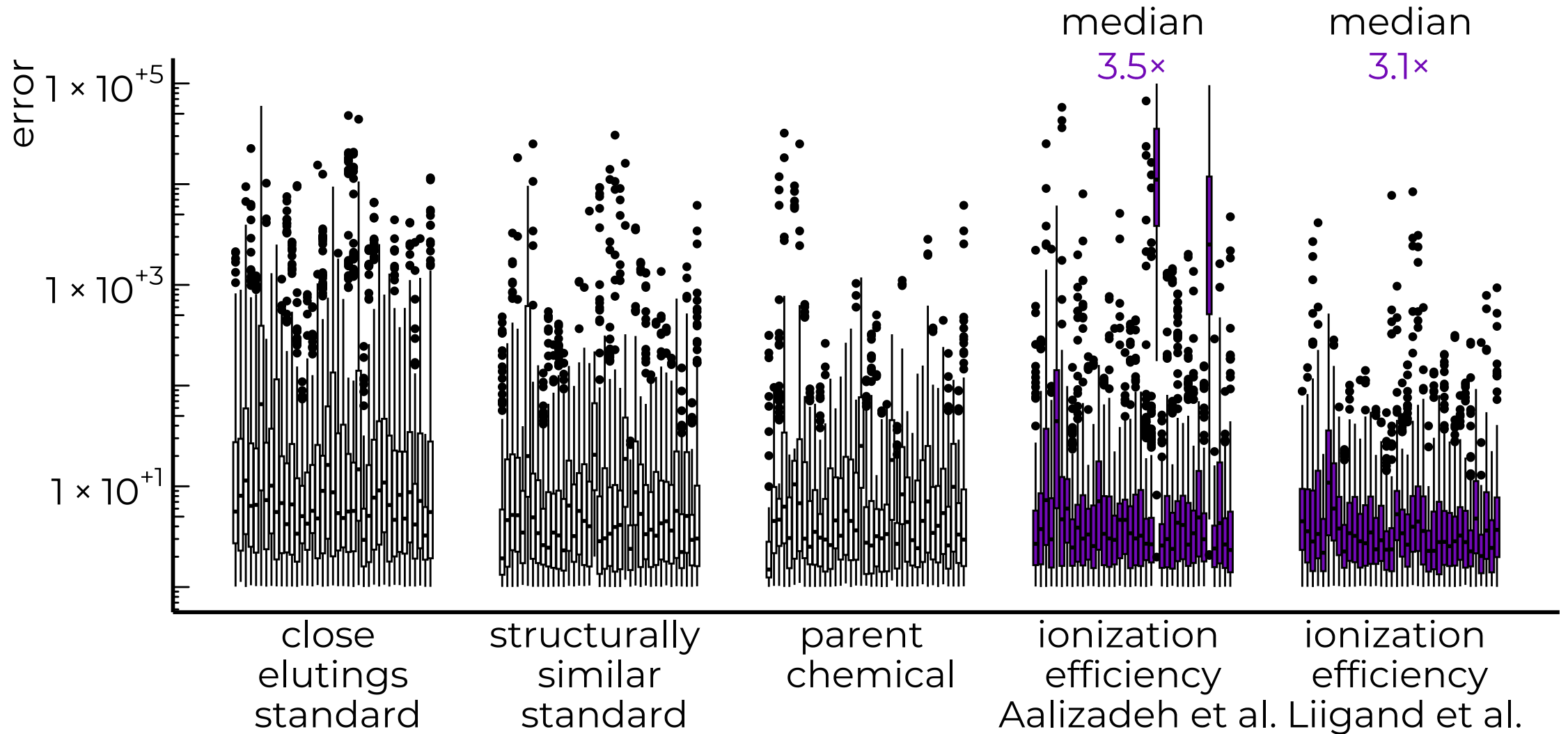
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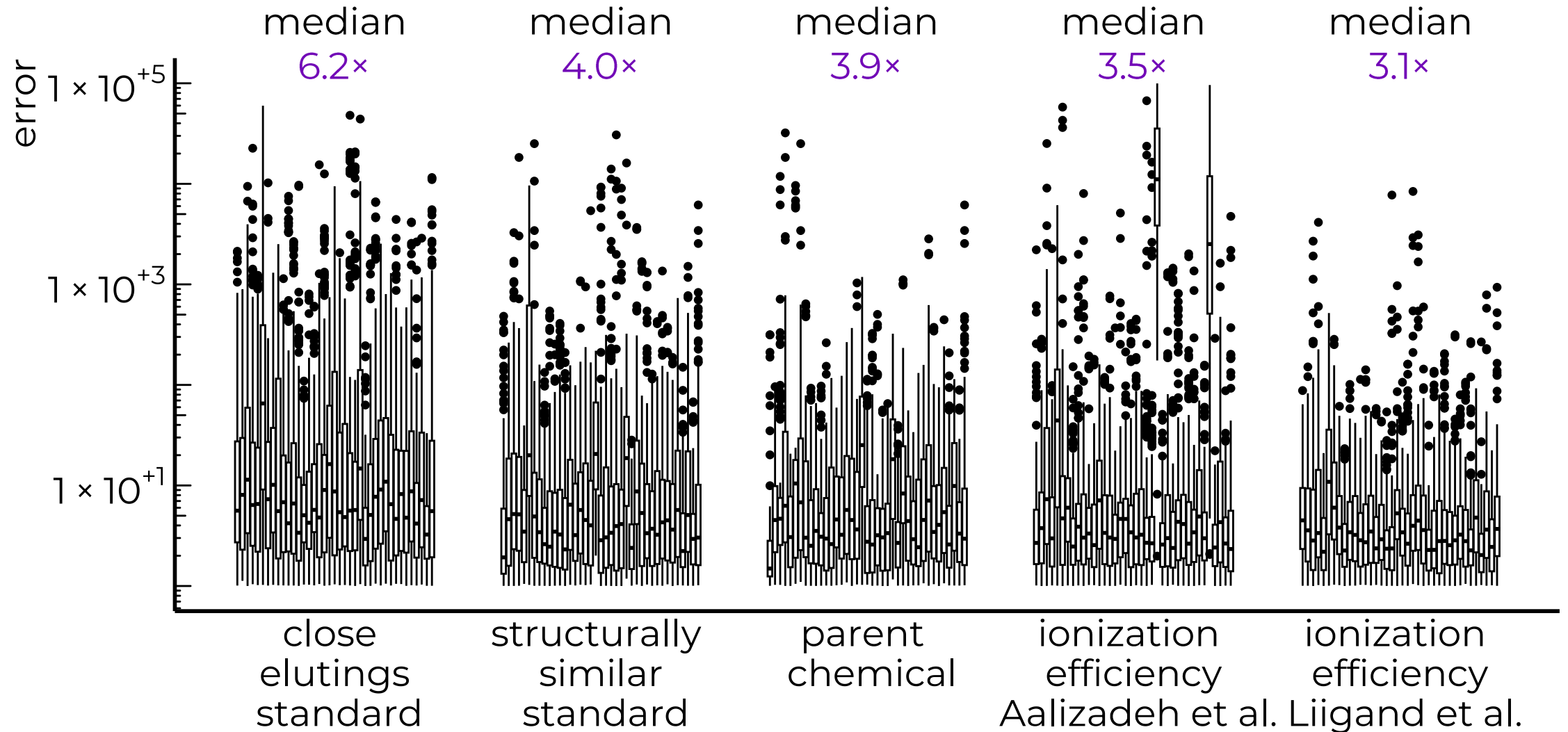
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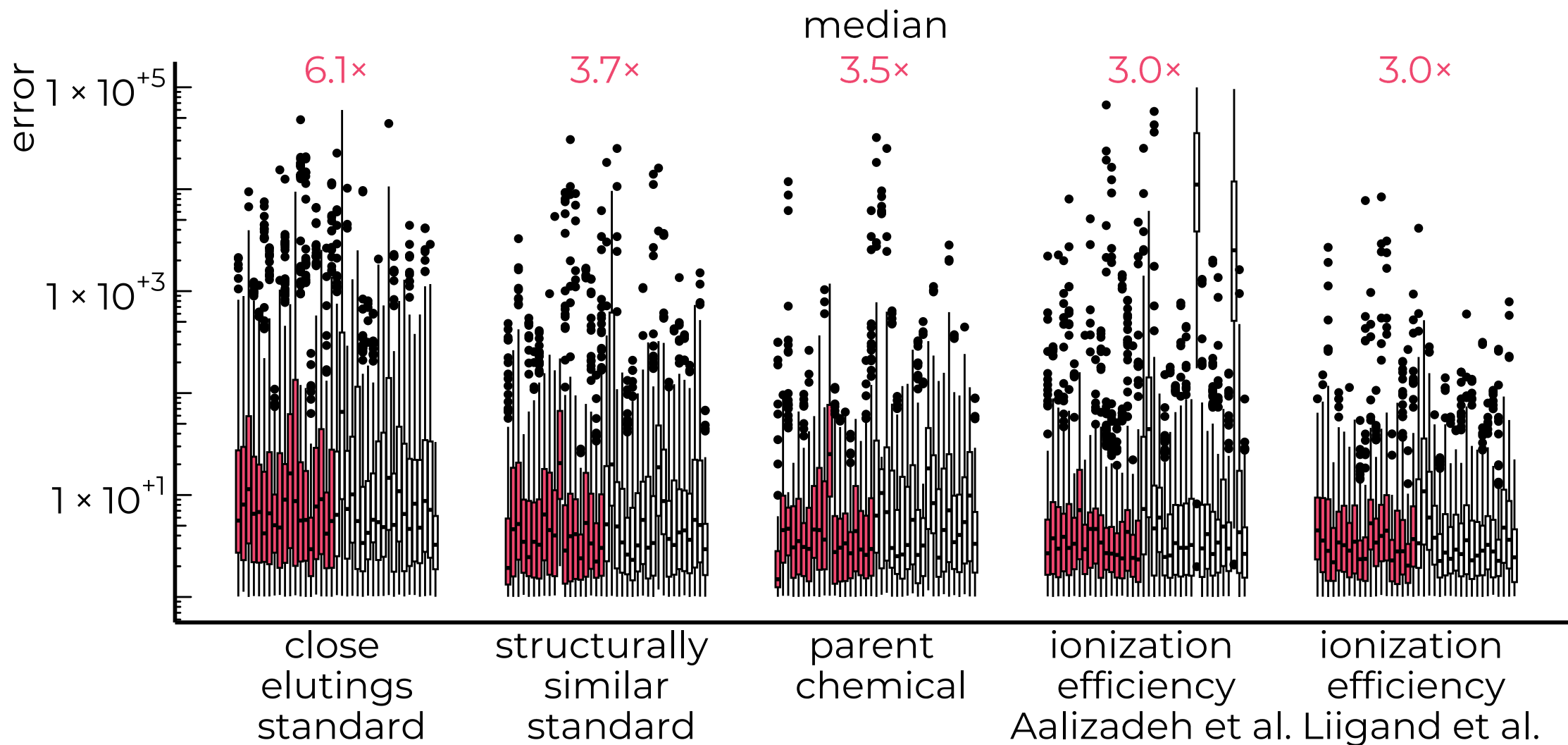
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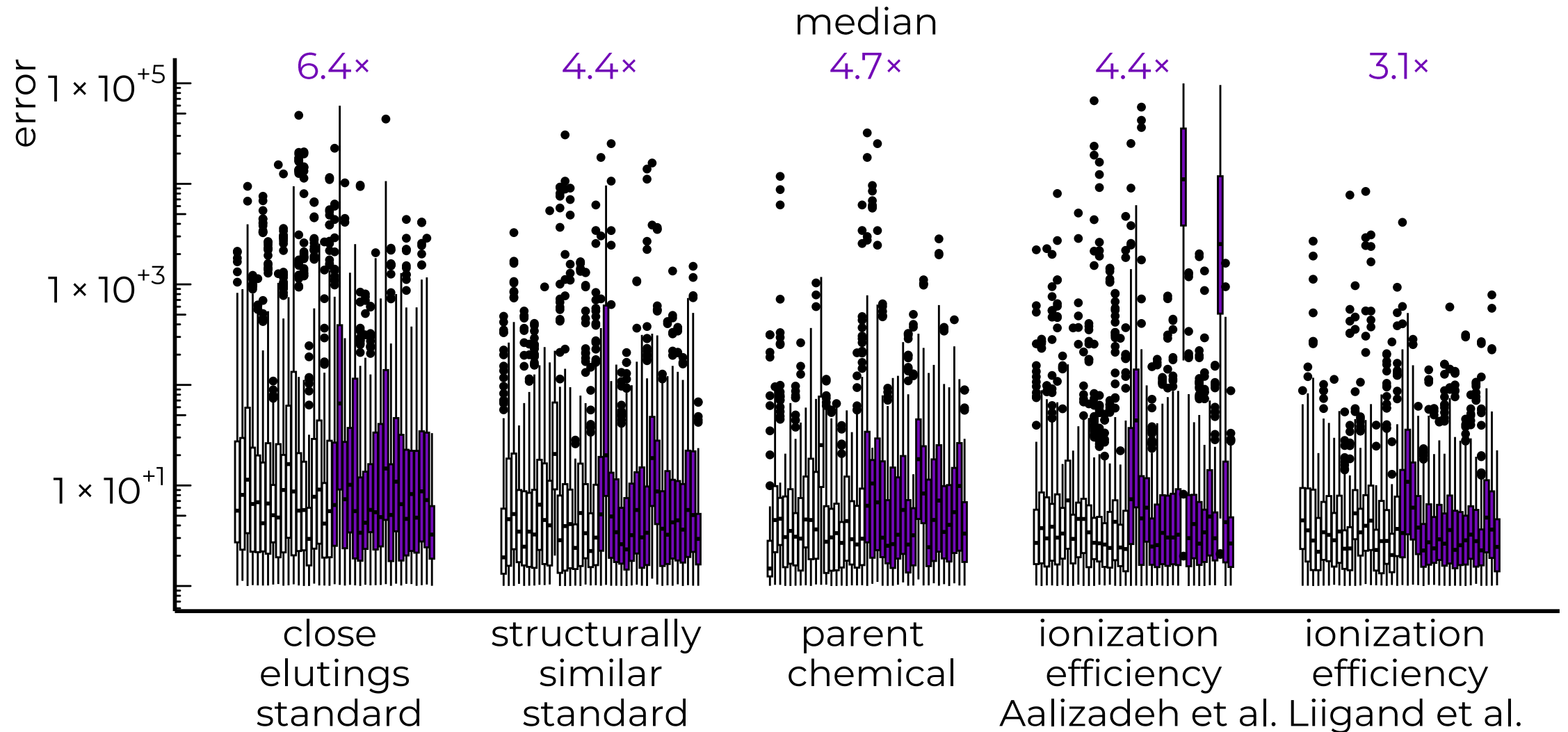
prediction error



prediction error orbitrap

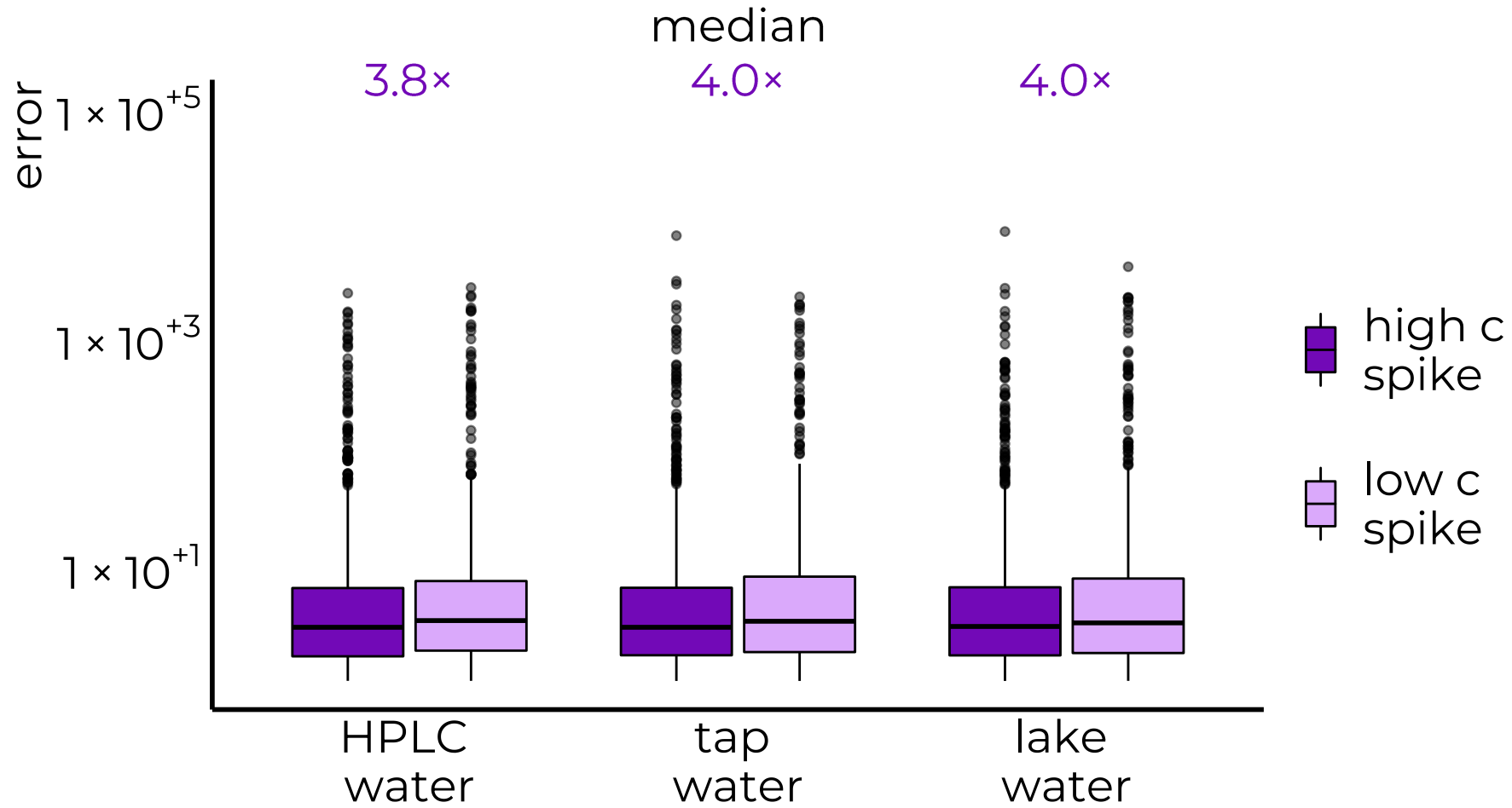


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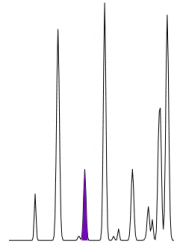
across samples

across samples



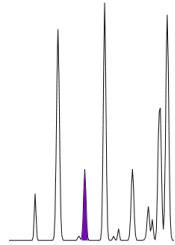
conclusions

close eluting

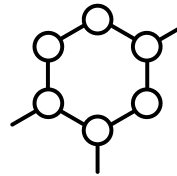


conclusions

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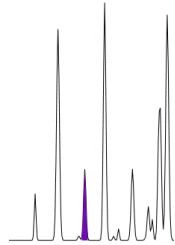
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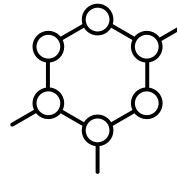
better

conclusions

close eluting



structurally similar



better

ionization efficiency



best

unidentified chemicals

from MS² spectra

unidentified peaks

US EPA household dust study

unidentified peaks

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3000 & 2000 features detected in ESI+ &ESI-

unidentified peaks

US EPA household dust study

3000 & 2000 features detected in ESI+ &ESI-

978 formulas

unidentified peaks

US EPA household dust study

3000 & 2000 features detected in ESI+ &ESI-

978 formulas → 3228 possible structures

unidentified peaks

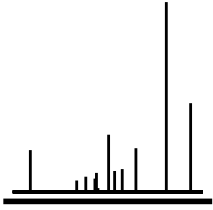
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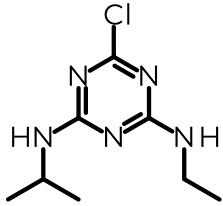
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33 identified

workflow



MS² spectra



structure as SMILES

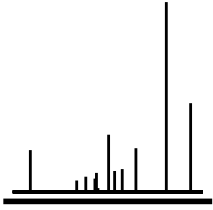


molecular descriptors



predict toxicity and ionization efficiency

workflow



MS² spectra

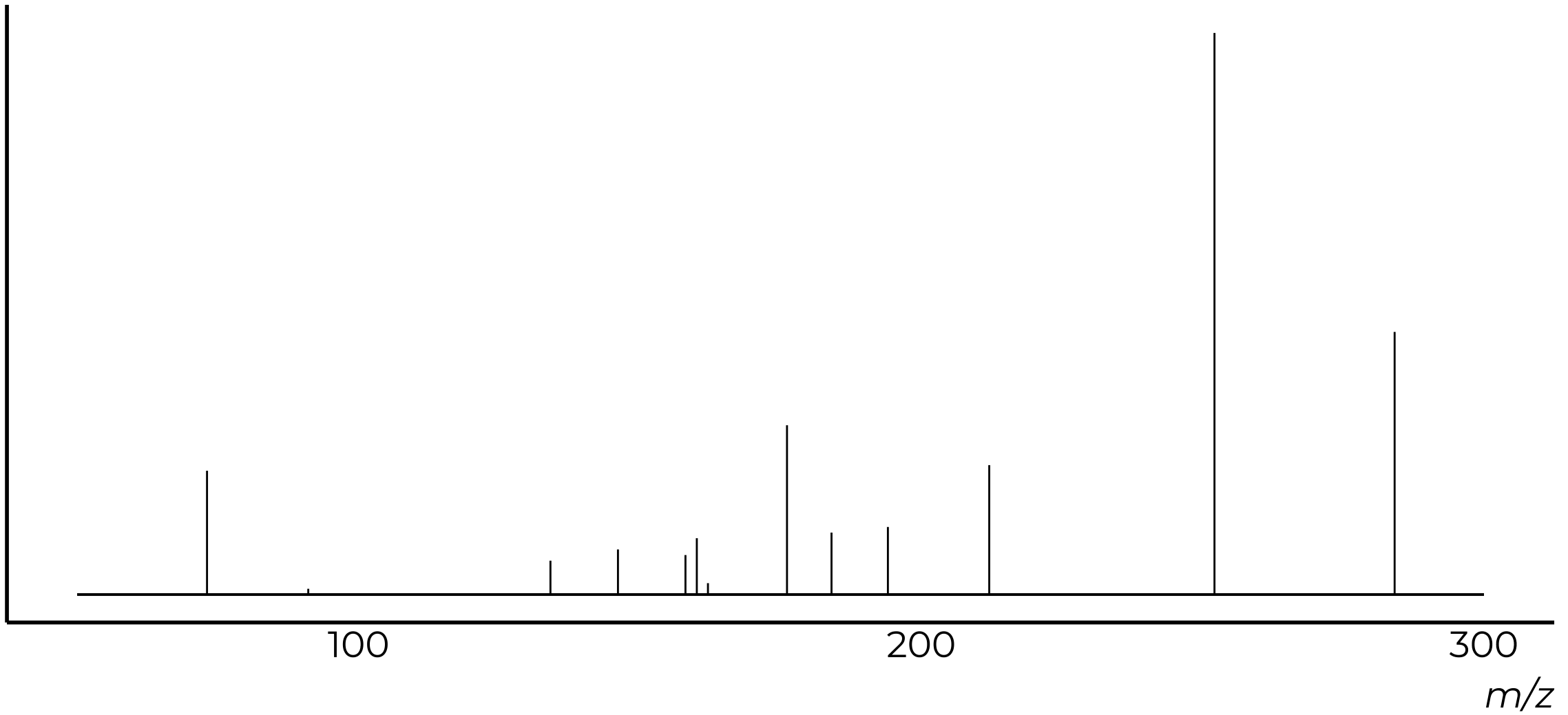


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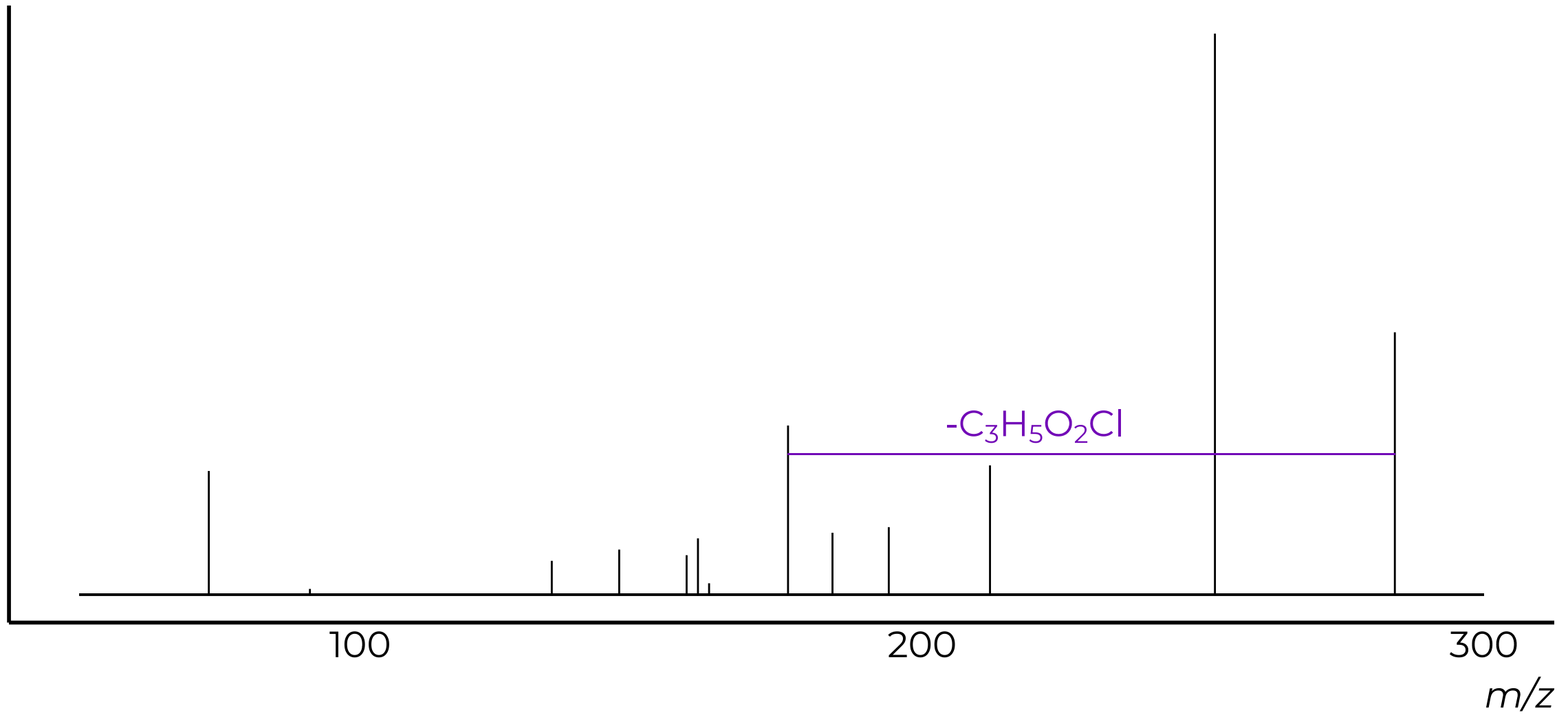


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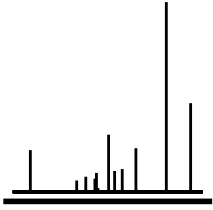
MS² spectra



MS² spectra



workflow



MS² spectra



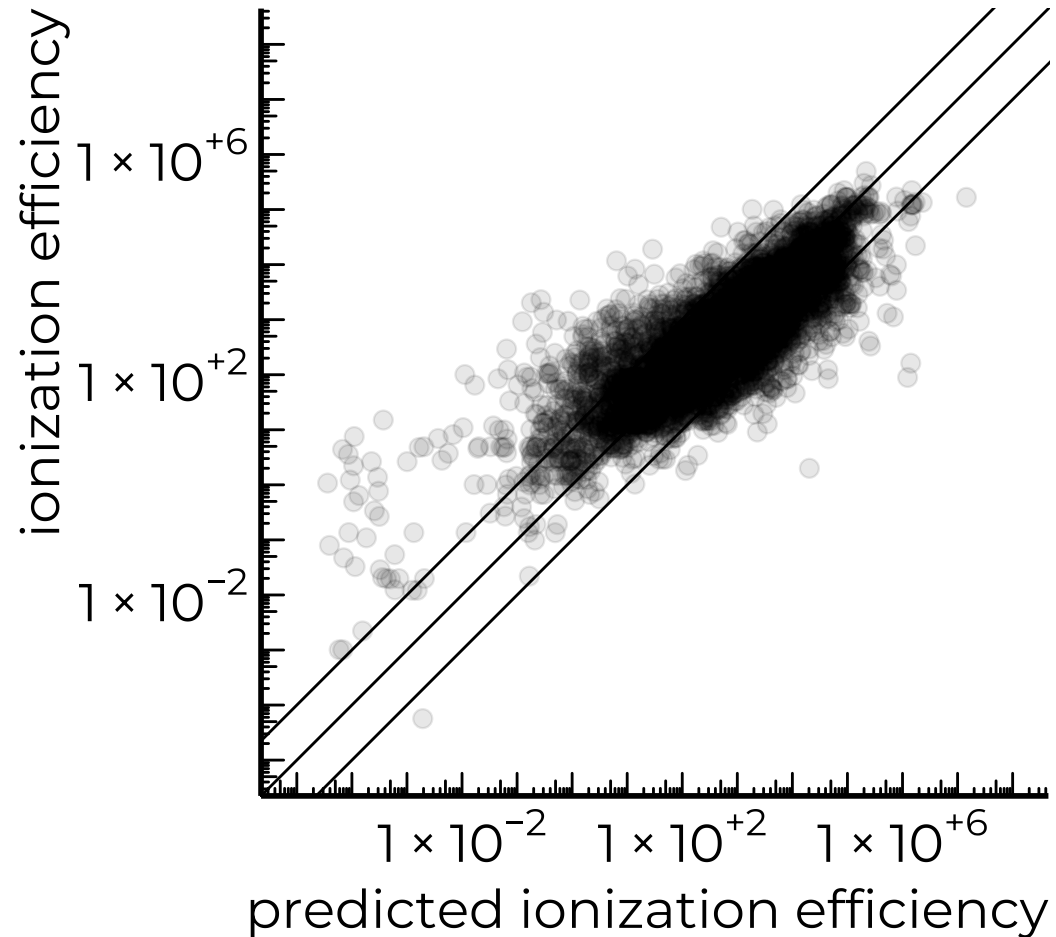
molecular fingerprints with SIRIUS



predict toxicity and ionization efficiency

ionization efficiency

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IE range

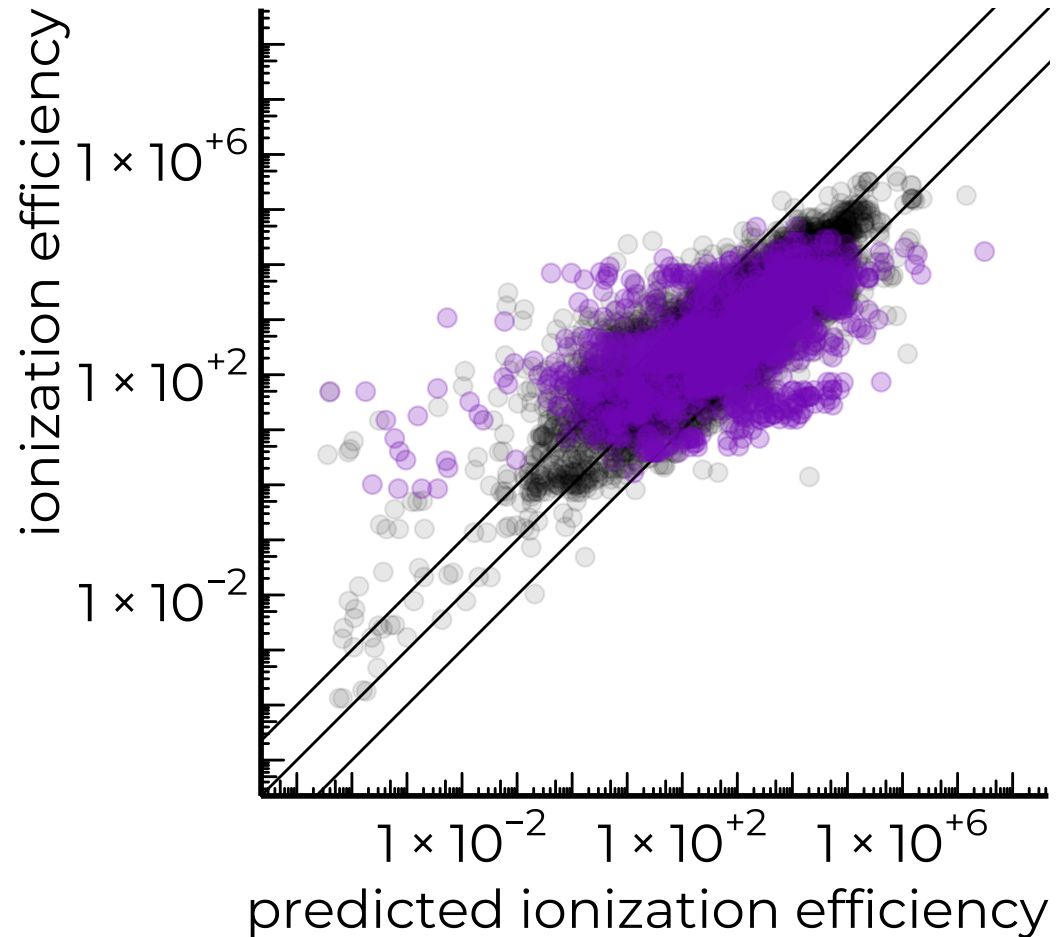
100,000,000

training set

RMSE 3.5x

ionization efficiency

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IE range

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training set

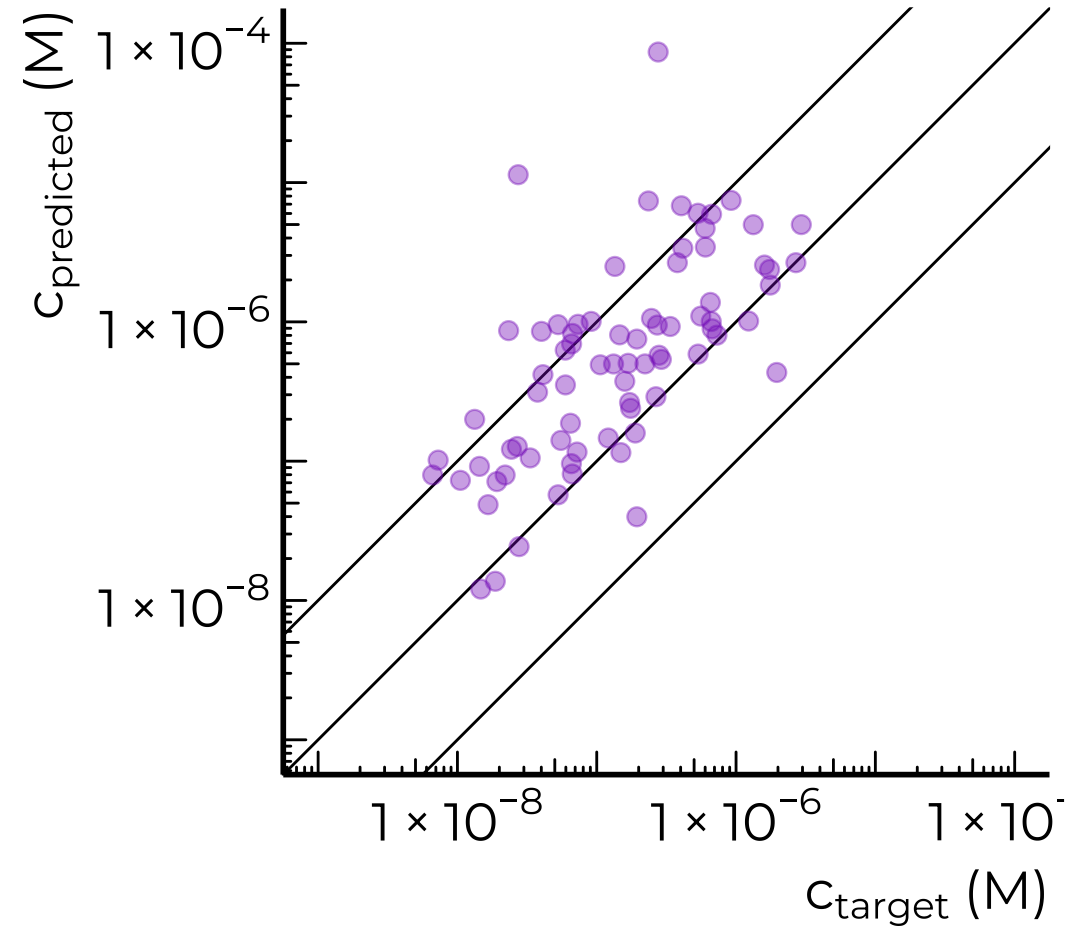
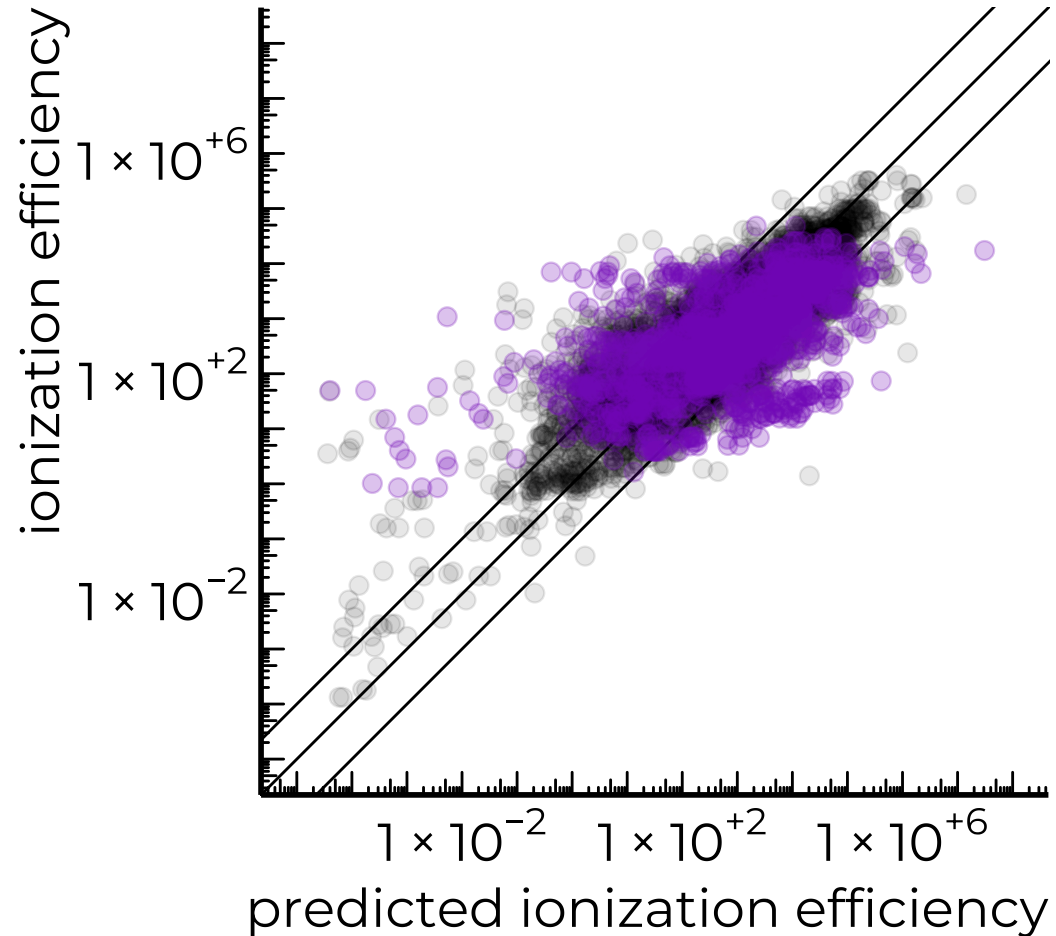
RMSE 3.5x

test set

RMSE 6.3x

ionization efficiency

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ionization efficiency

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mean prediction error

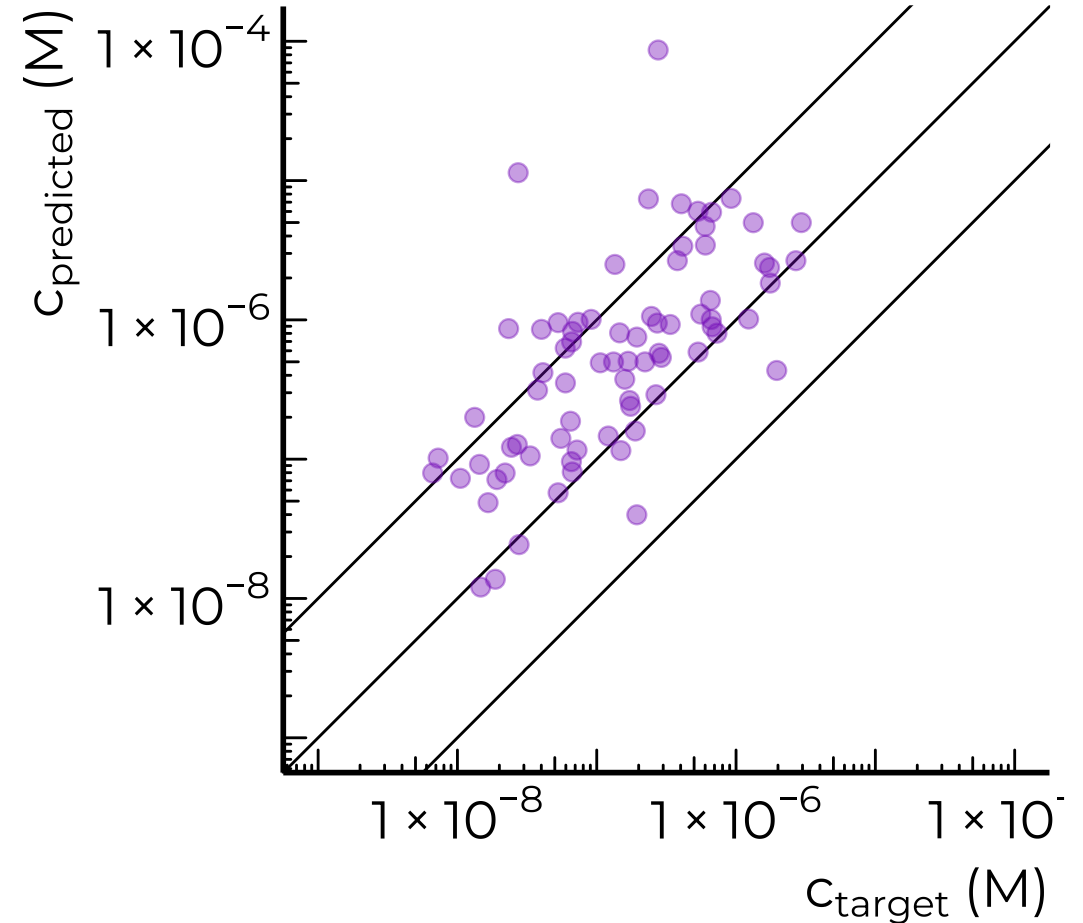
7.4x

geometric mean prediction error

4.5x

median prediction error

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summary

prioritization in NTS

toxicity



concentration



risk



prioritization in NTS

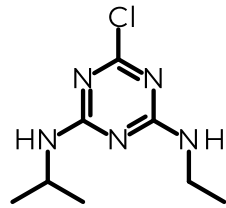
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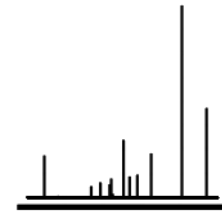
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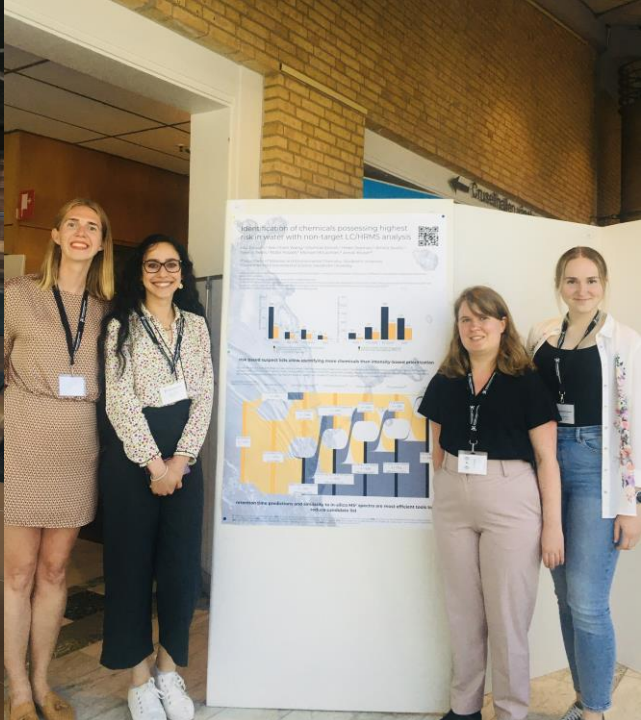
risk



structure



MS² spectrum



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