

detection and identification
of toxic and high-risk
chemicals with LC/HMRS
and machine learning

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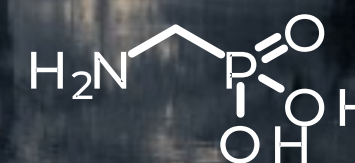
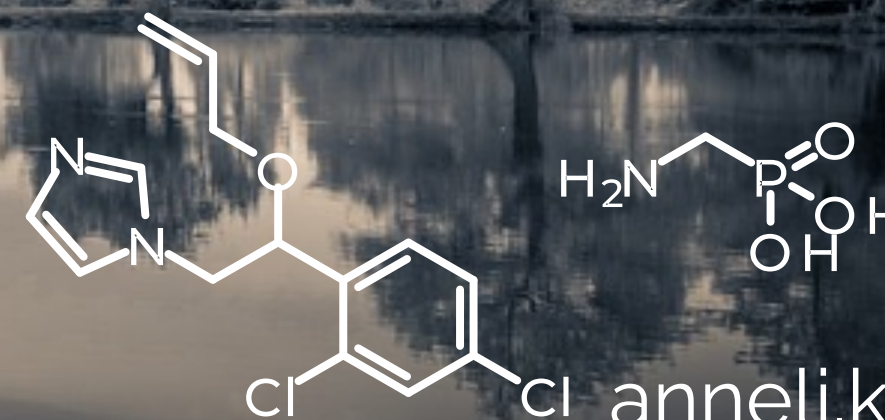
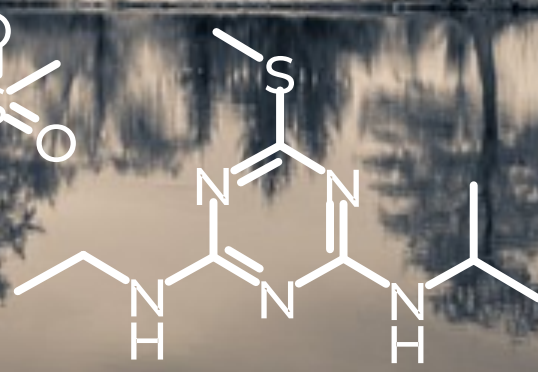
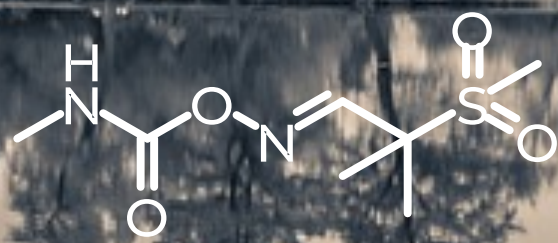
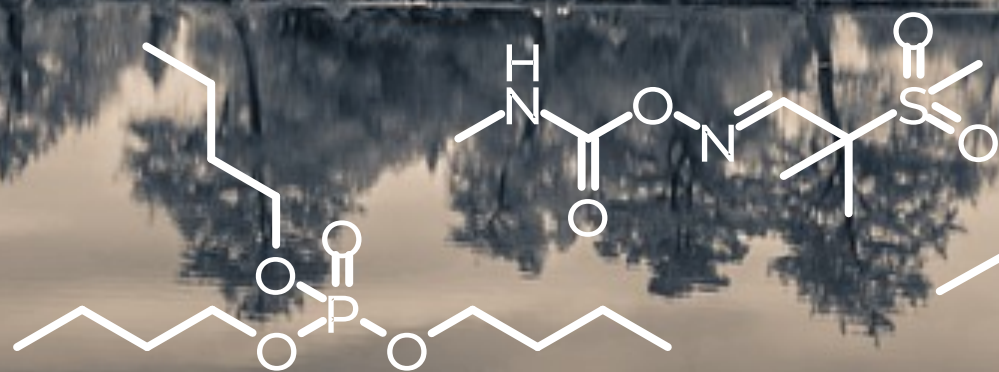
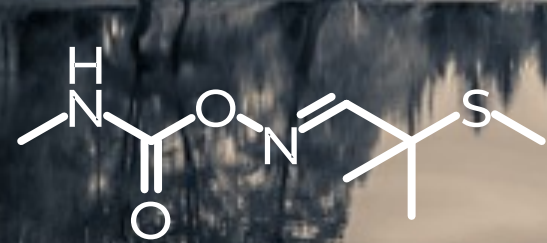
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water analysis

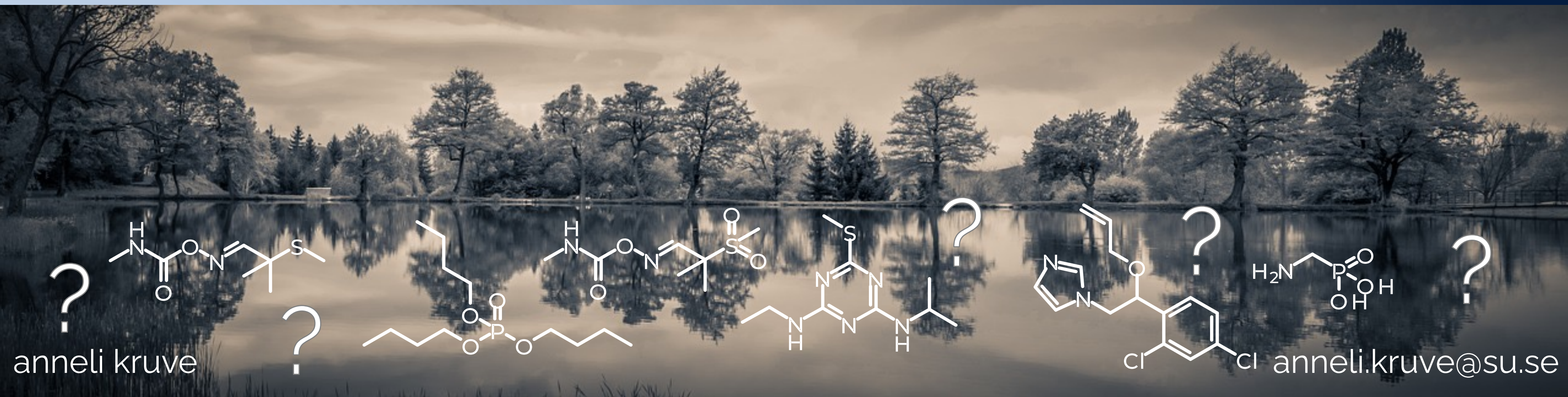


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how to ...



PRIORITIZE

risk



IDENTIFY

structure

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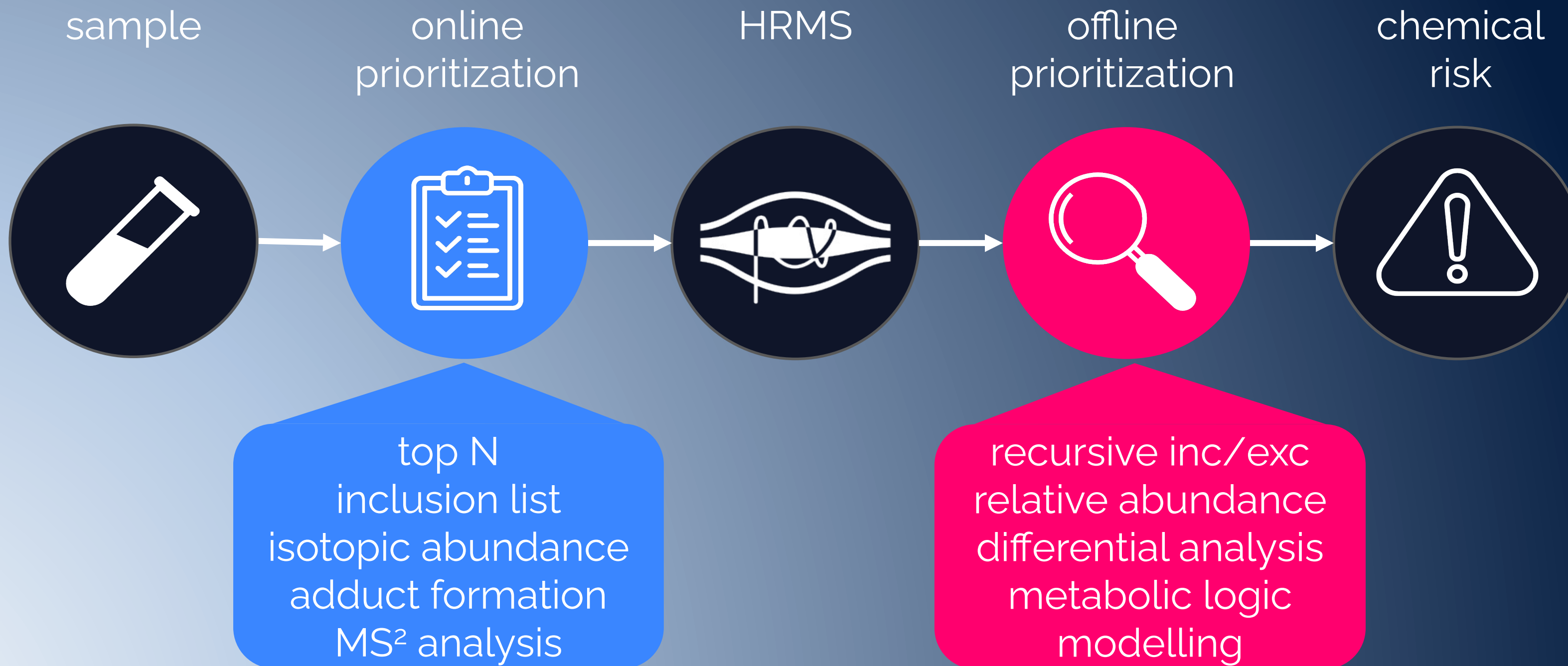


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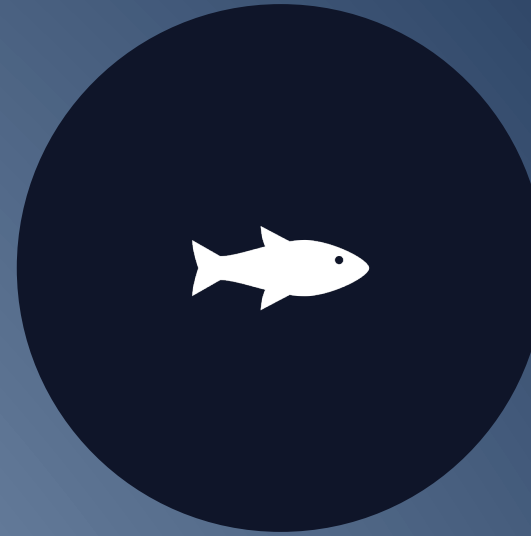
structure

prioritization

Szabo et al. Anal Chem 2024



prioritization of chemicals



TOXICITY

ecotoxicity and endocrine
disruptors



CONCENTRATION

exposure to potentially toxic
chemicals



RISK

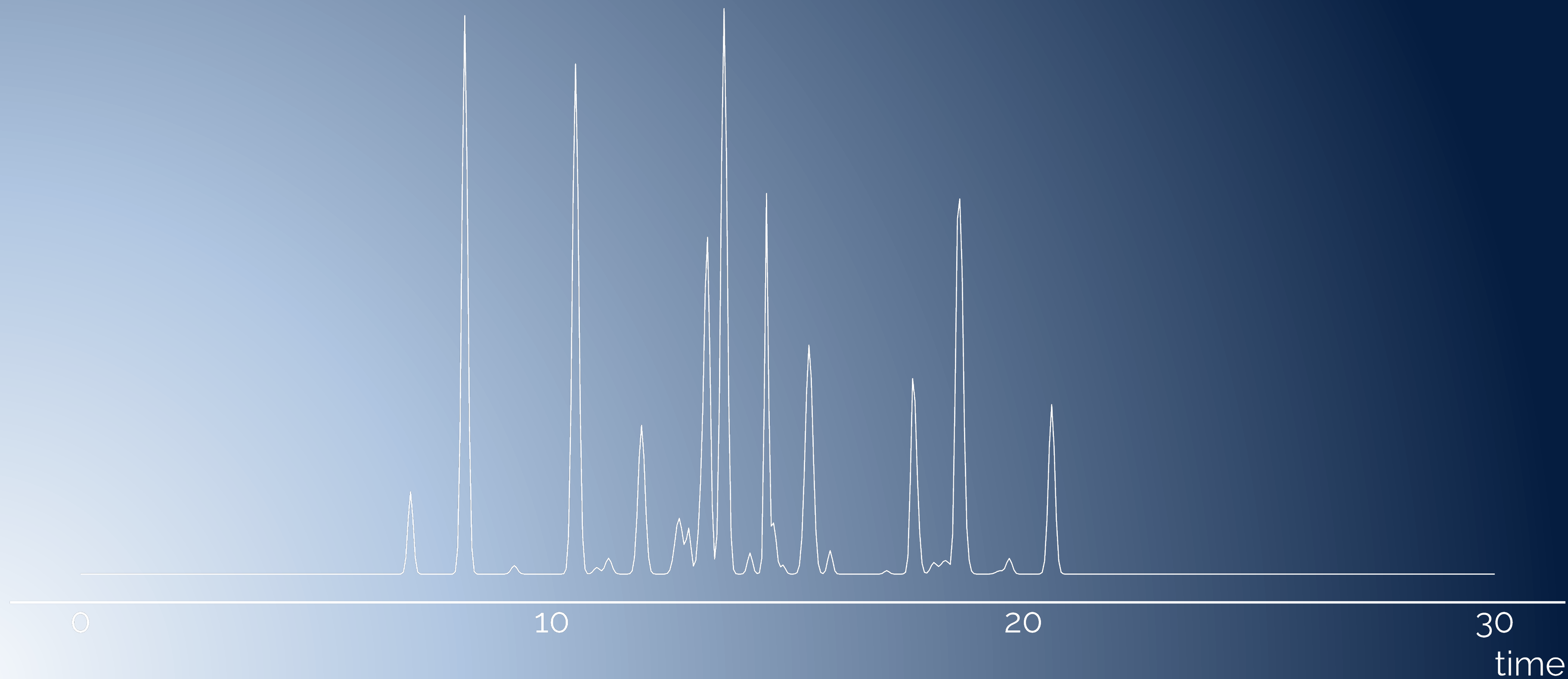
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toxicity

of detected chemicals

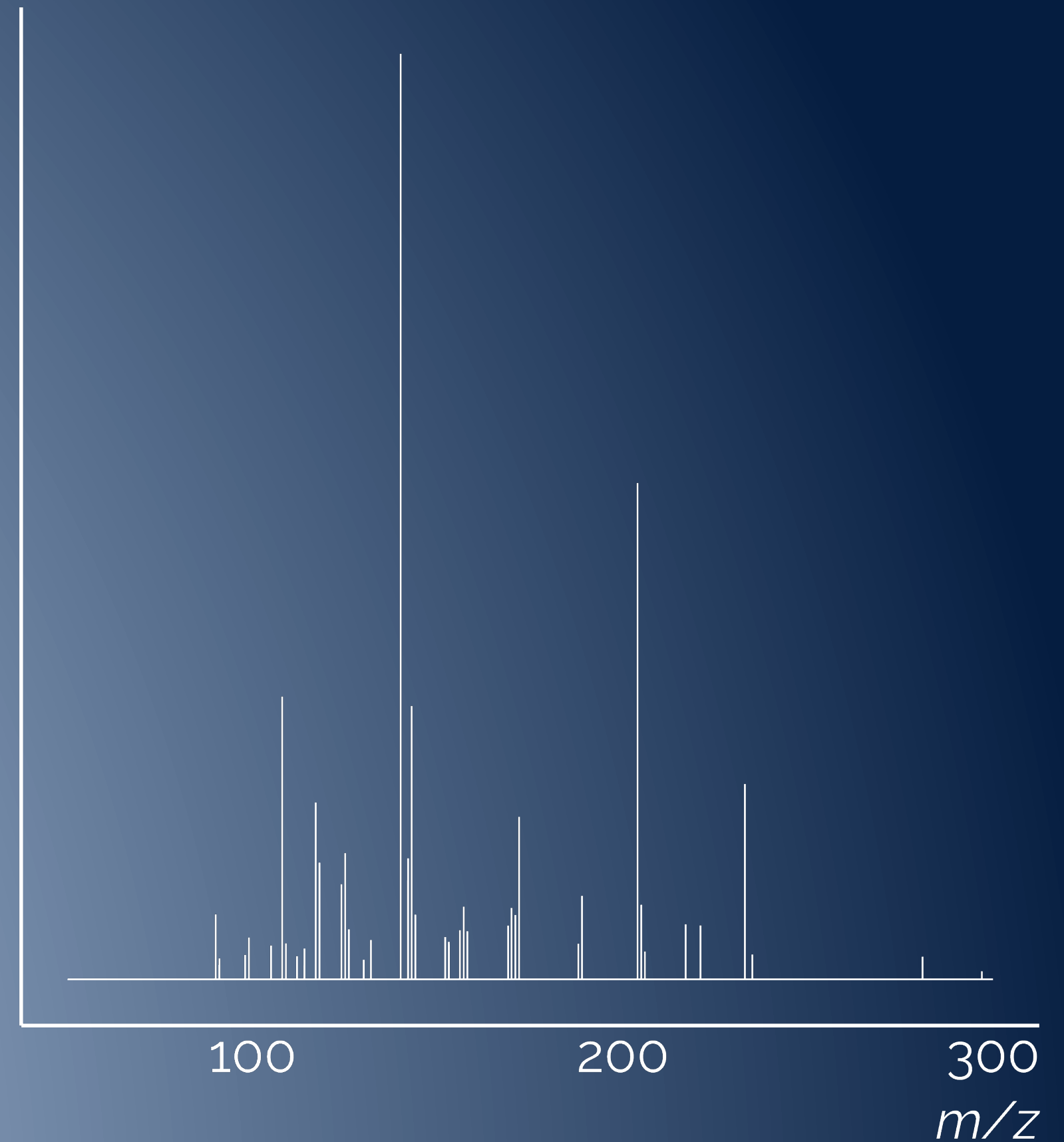
nontarget screening

with LC/HRMS

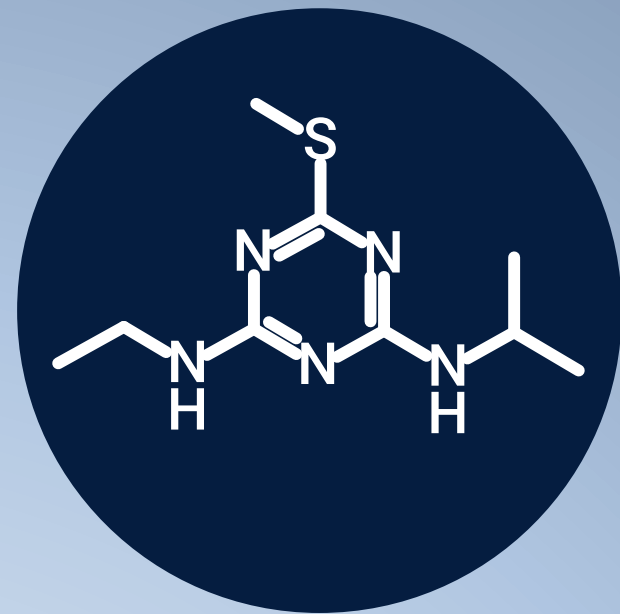


toxicity assessment

from spectra
to structure
to toxicity

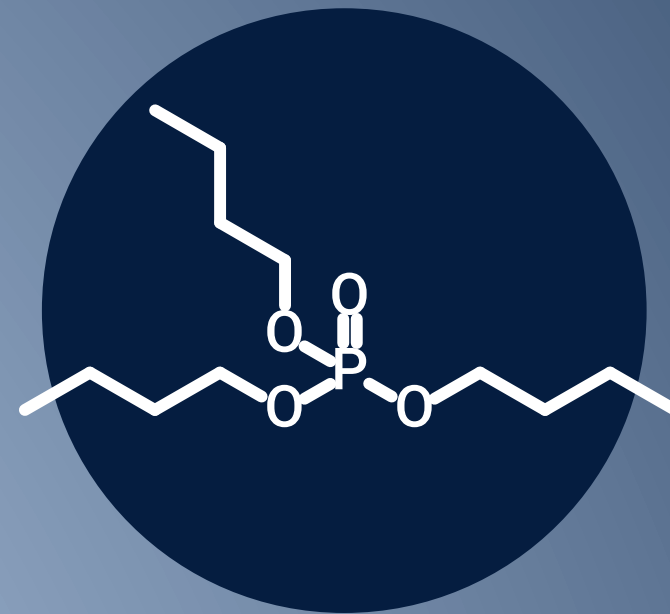


toxicity assessment



$LC_{50} = 9.3 \text{ mg/L}$

known structure
known toxicity



$LC_{50} = ? \text{ mg/L}$

known structure
unknown toxicity

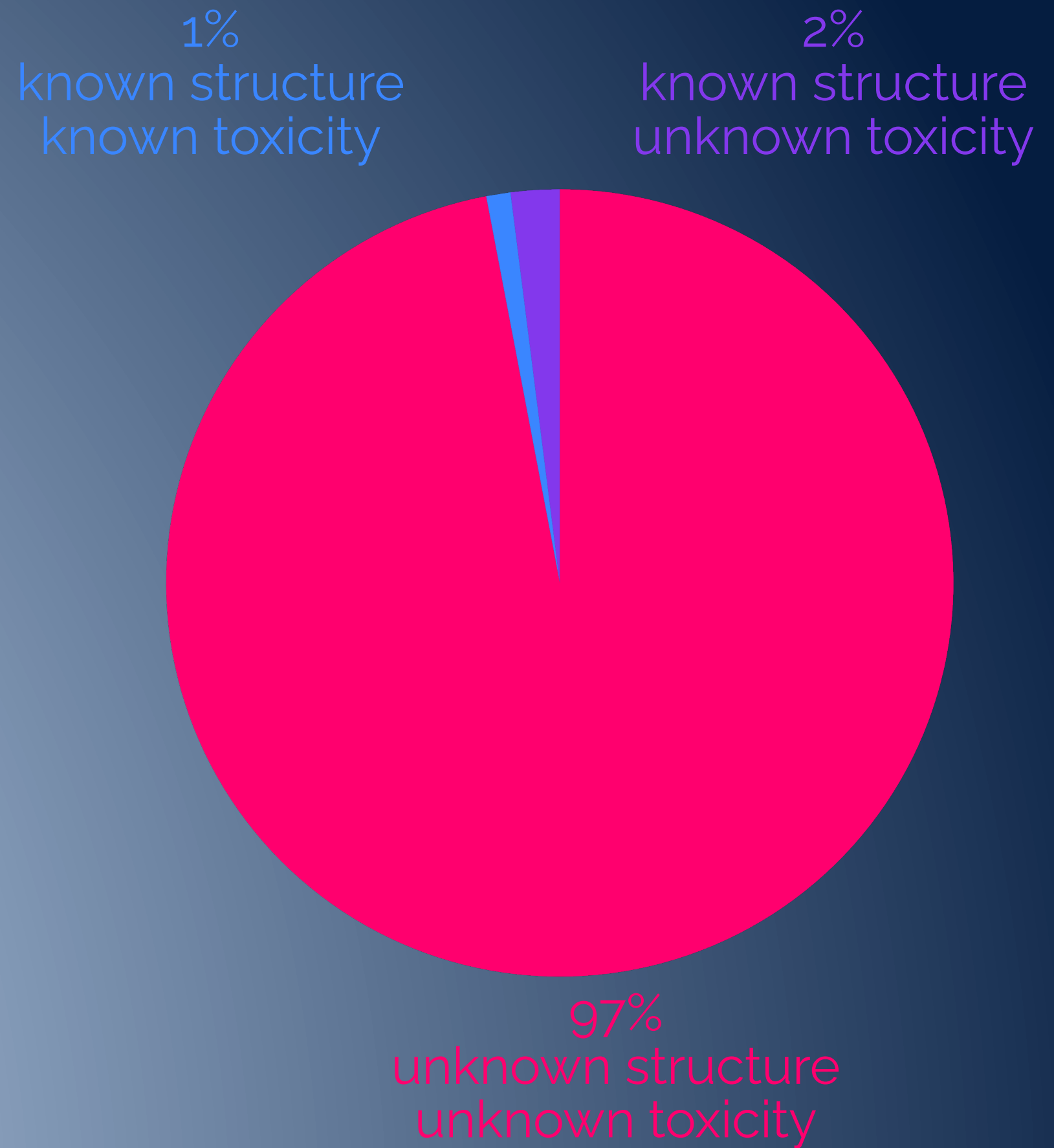


$LC_{50} = ? \text{ mg/L}$

unknown structure
unknown toxicity

toxicity assessment

vast majority of detected
chemicals remain unknown



predicting toxicity

of detected chemicals

endpoints



ECOTOXICITY

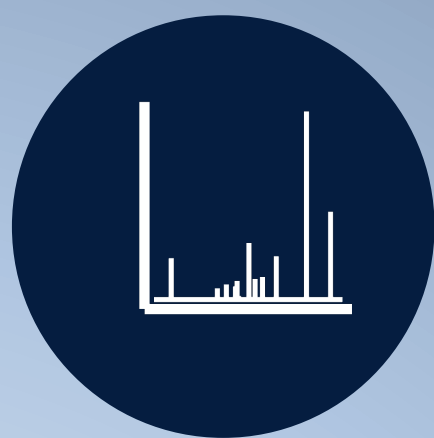
fathead minnow, bluegill,
and rainbow trout



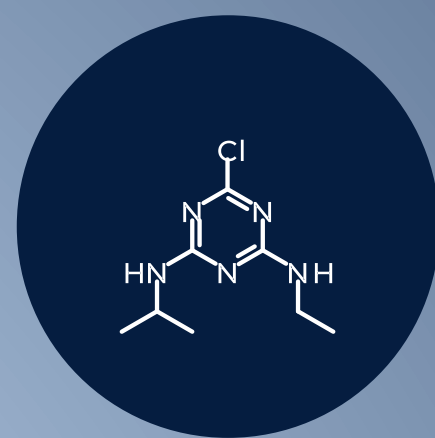
ENDOCRINE DISRUPTION

AhR, AR, ER, MMP, P53, ...

workflow



MS² spectra



structure as SMILES

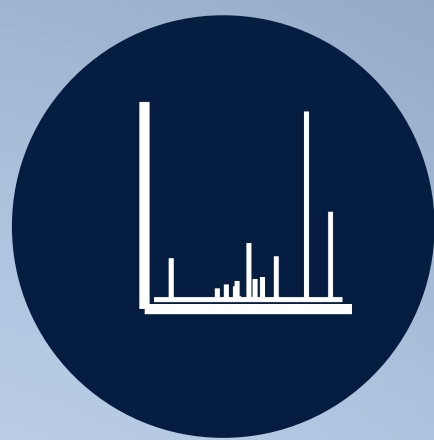


molecular descriptors



toxicity prediction

workflow



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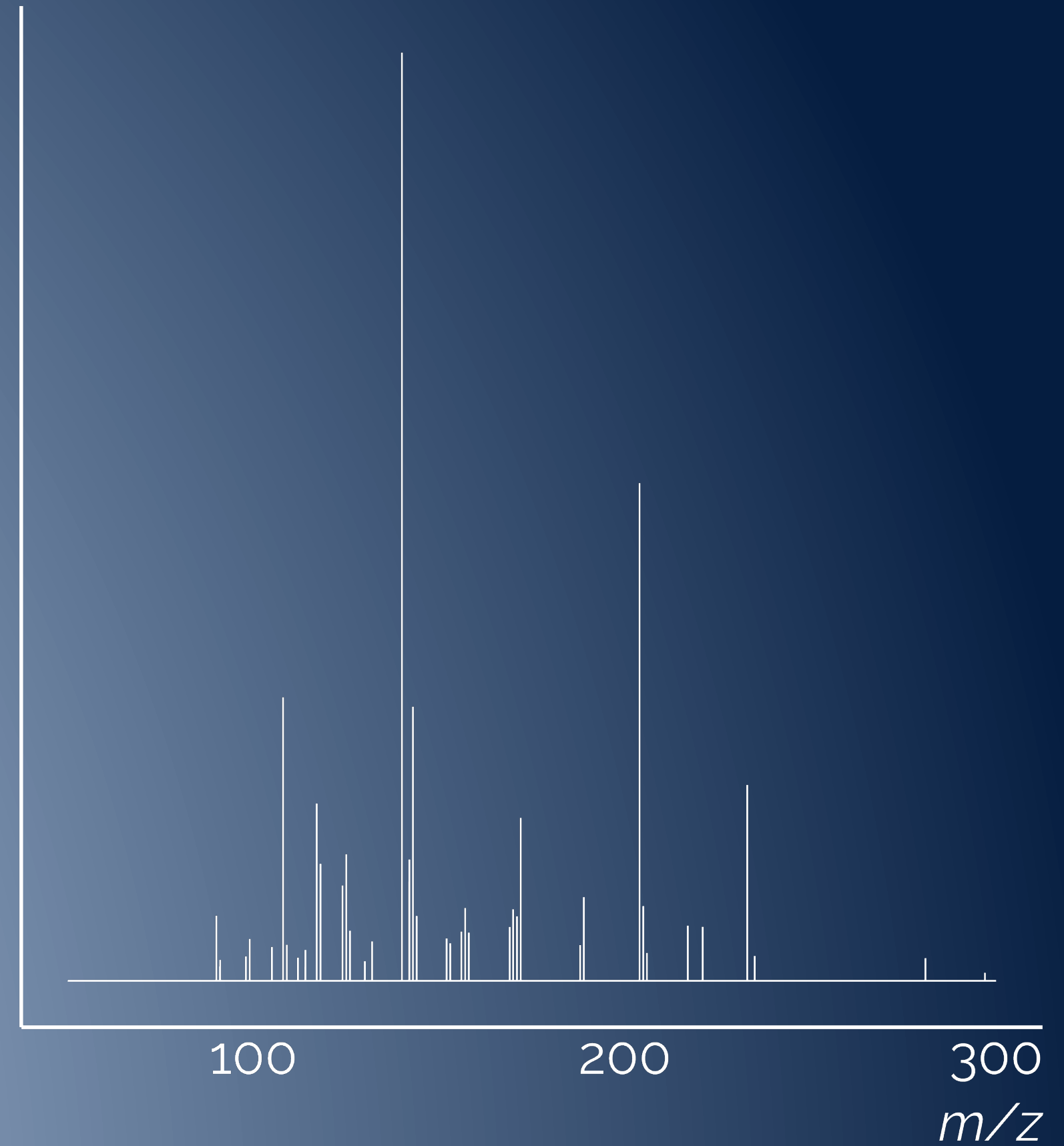
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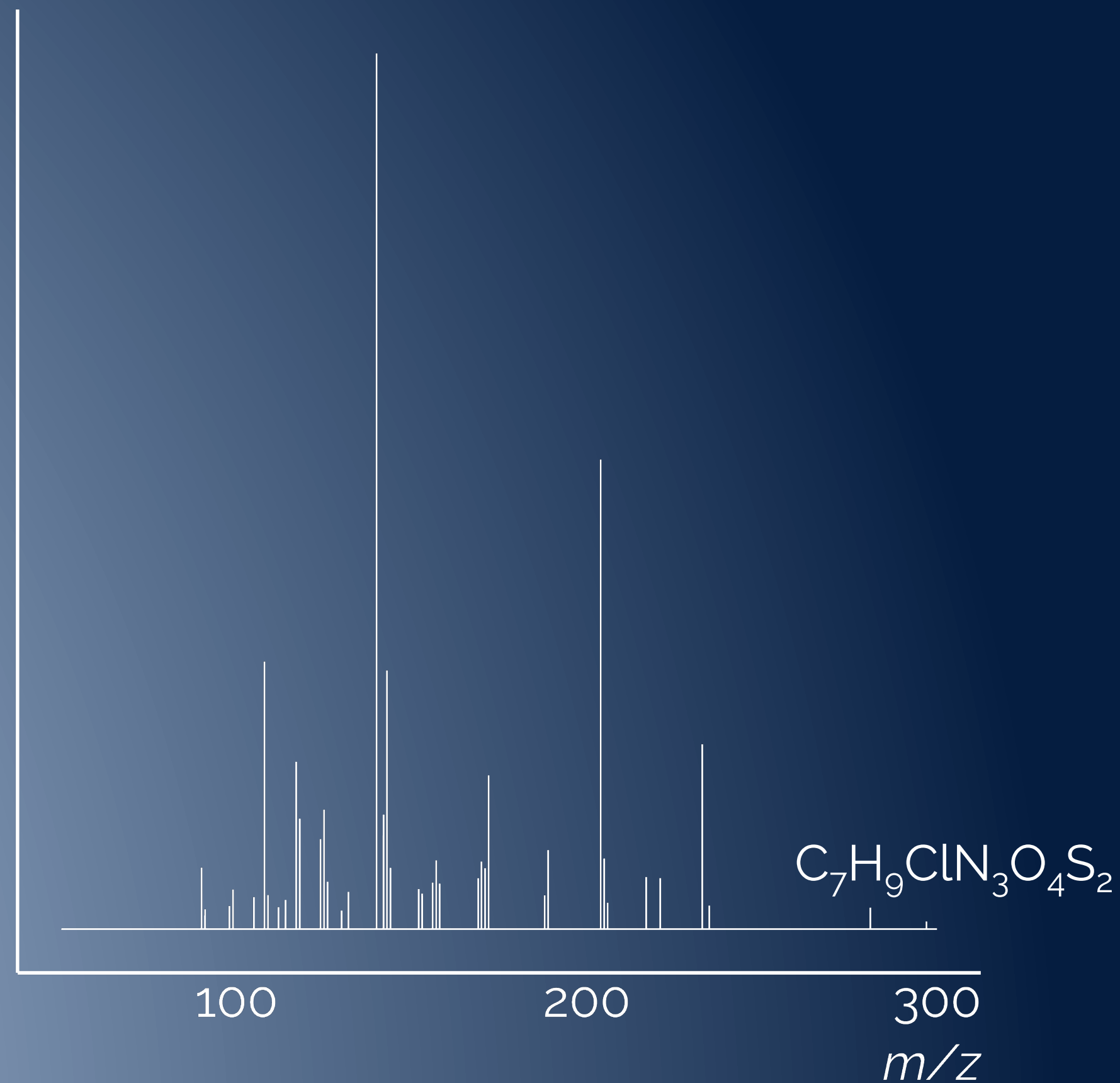
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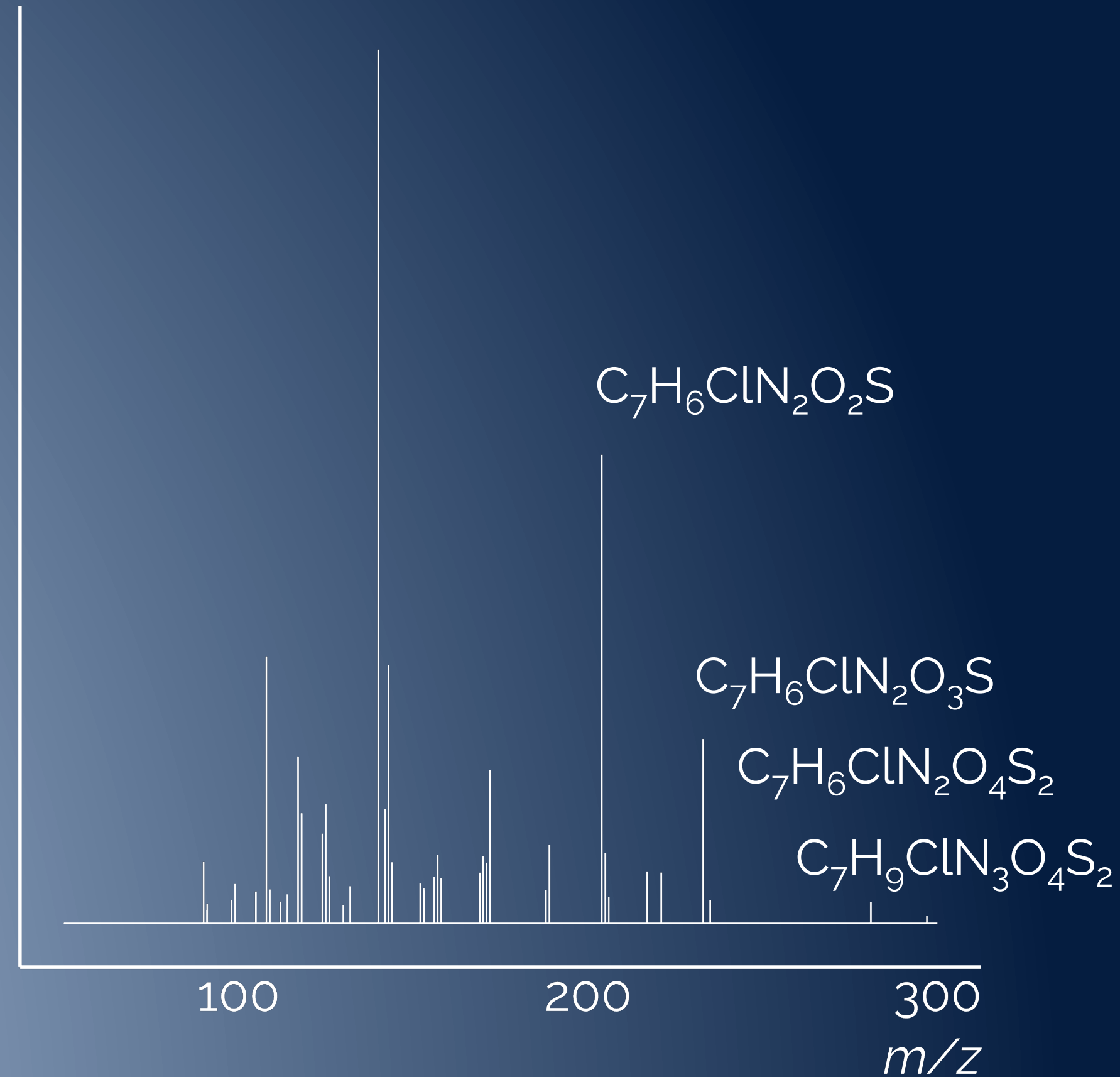
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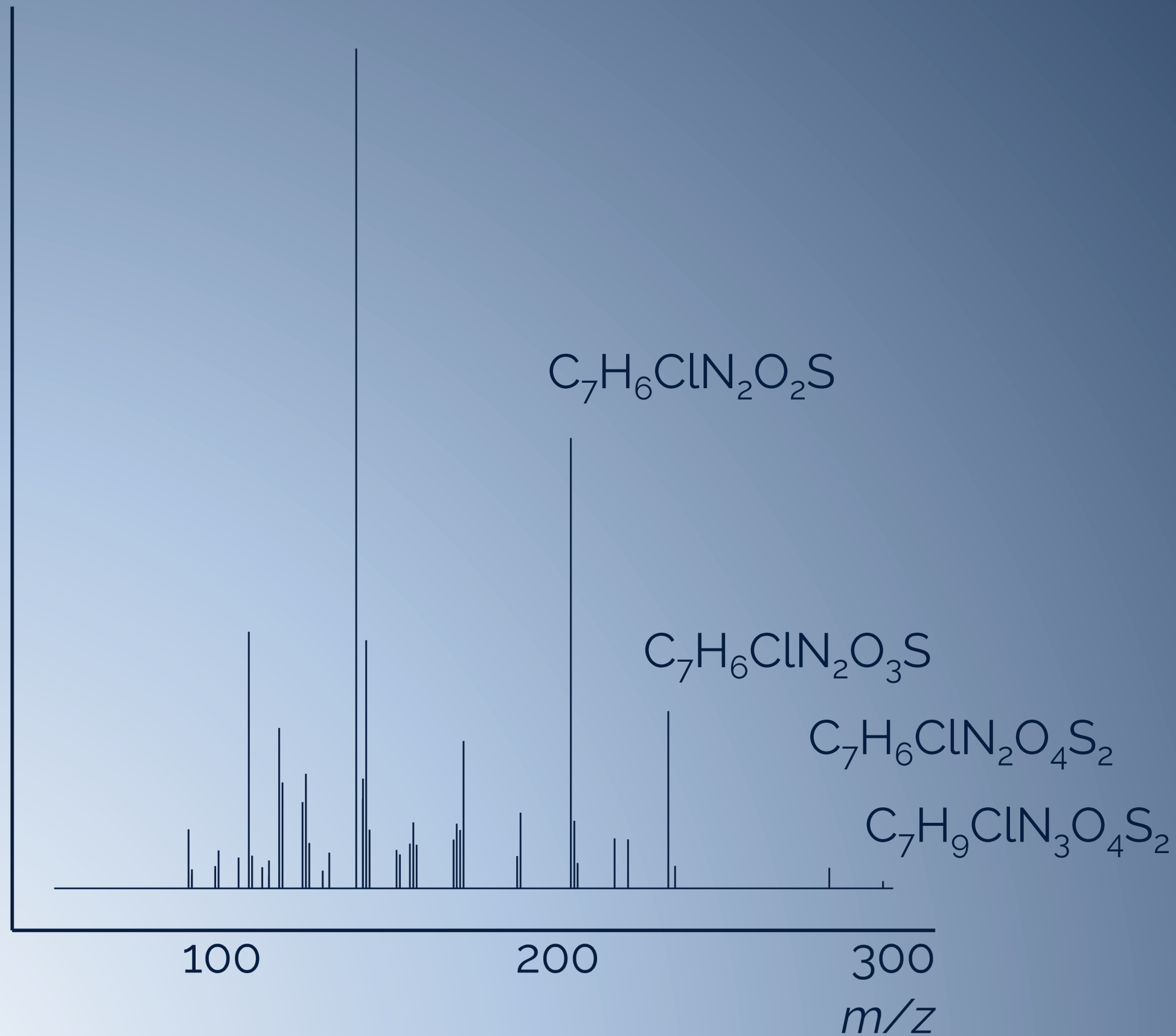
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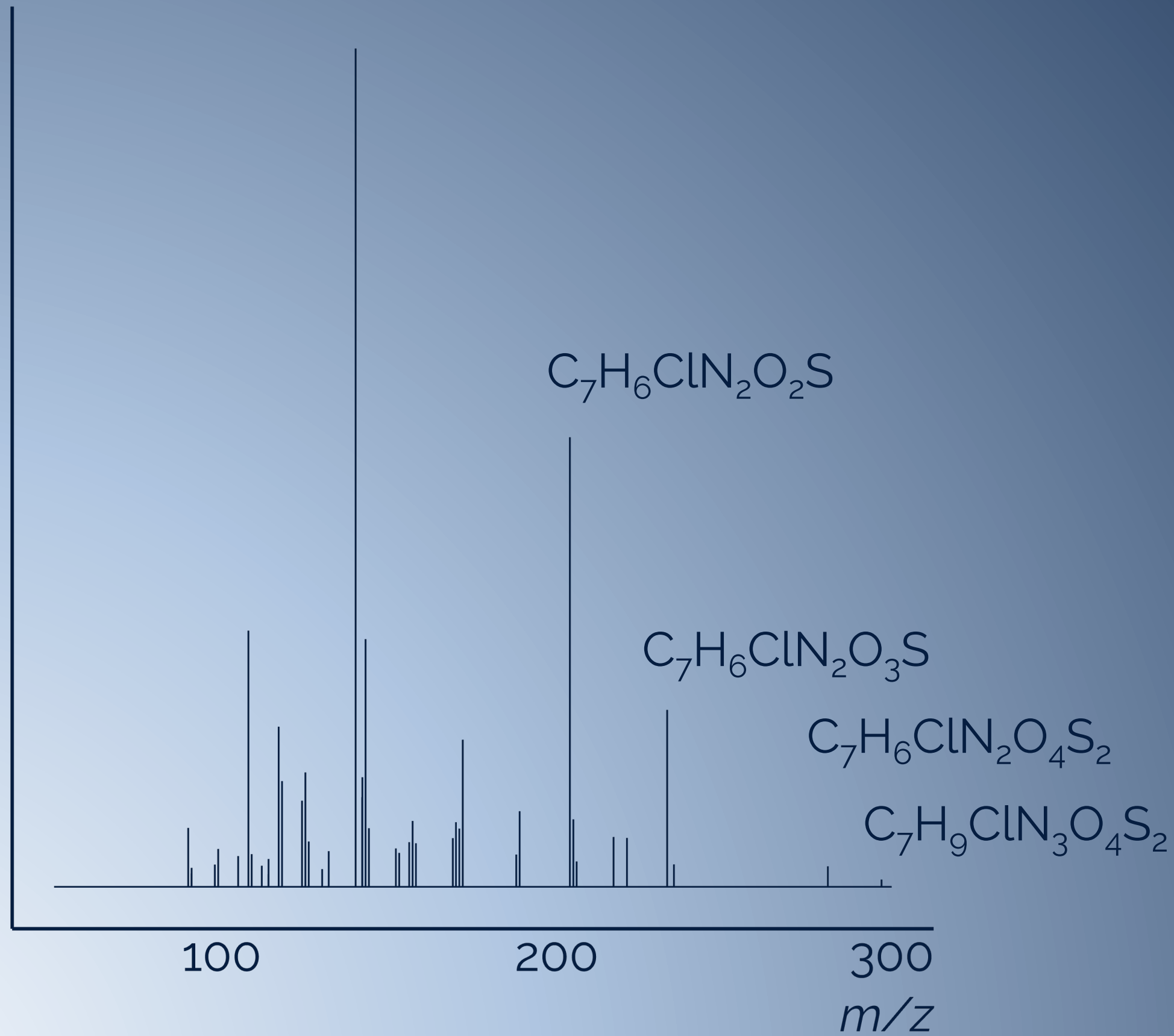
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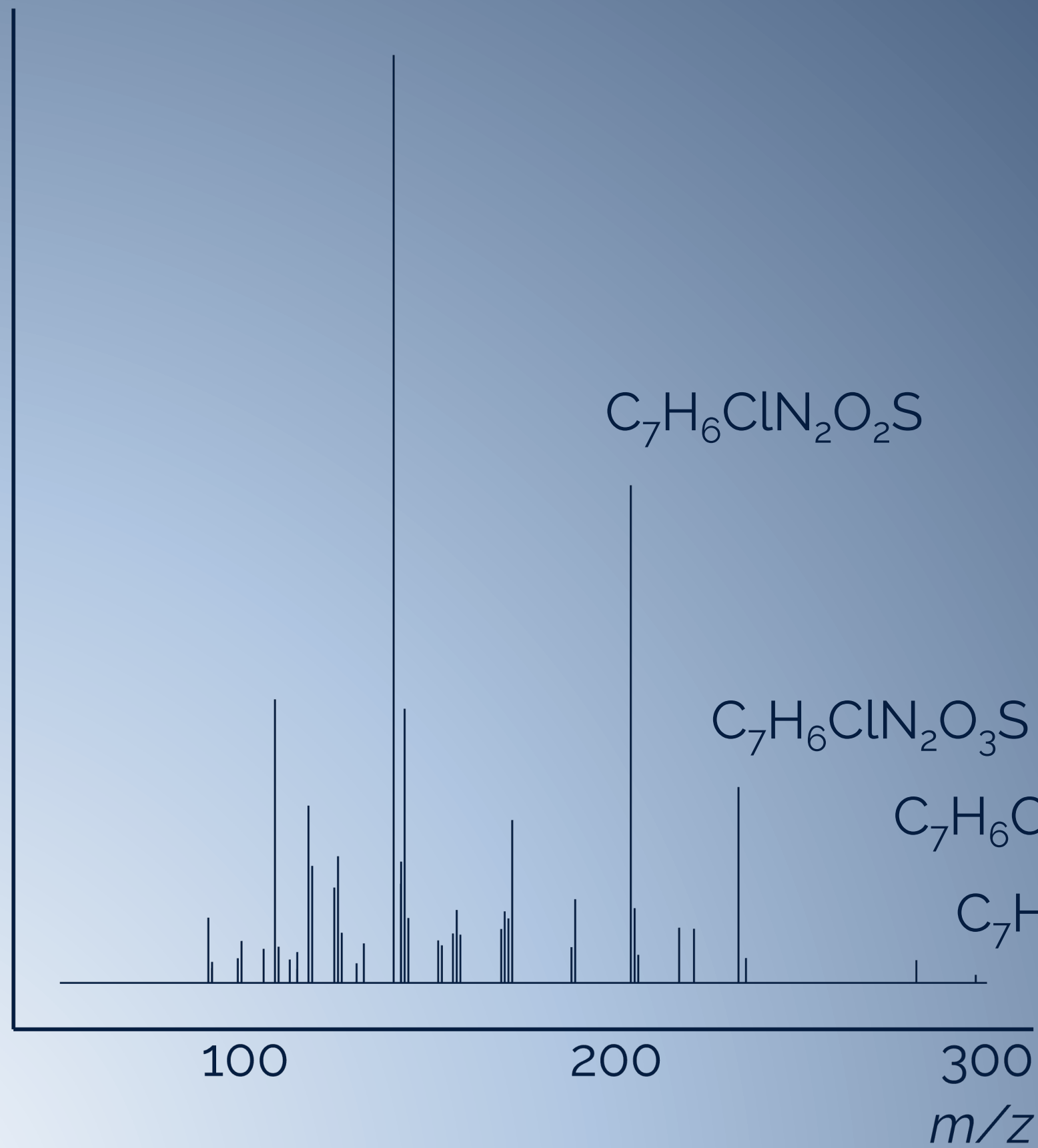
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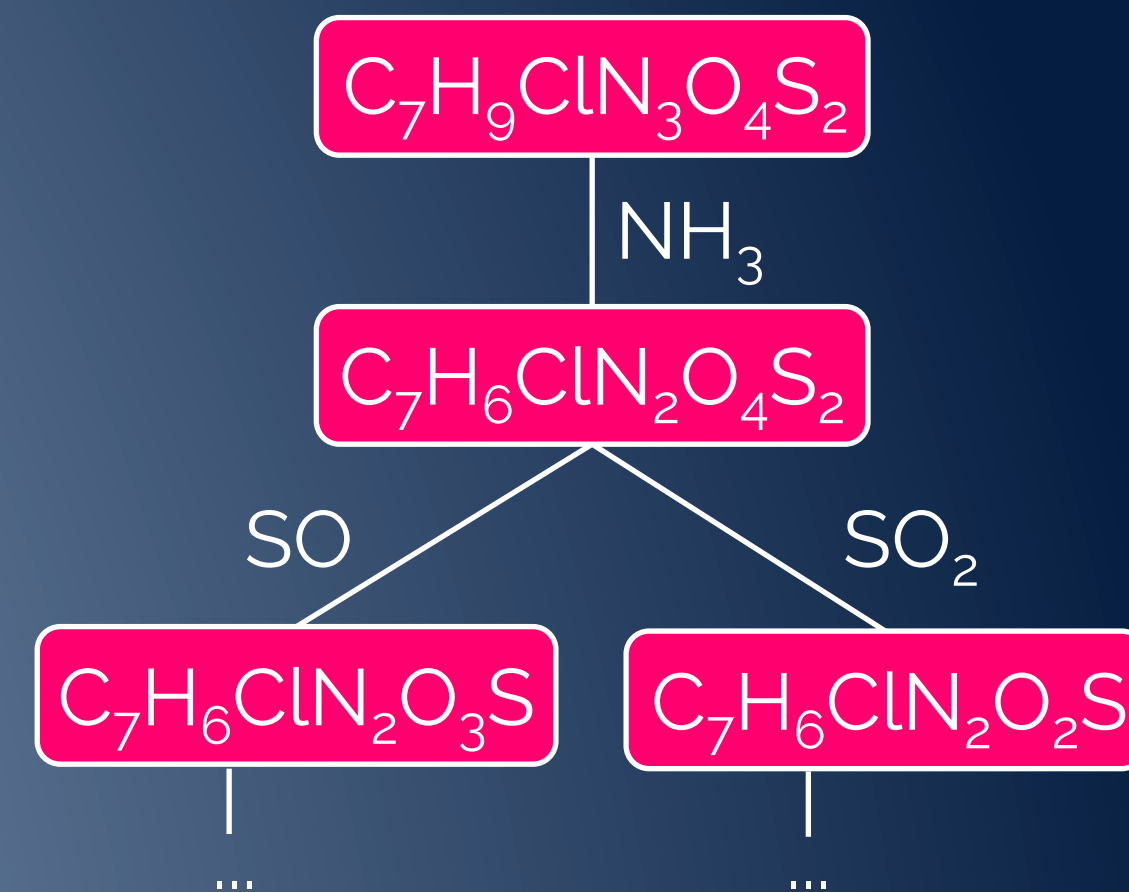
predict
toxicity

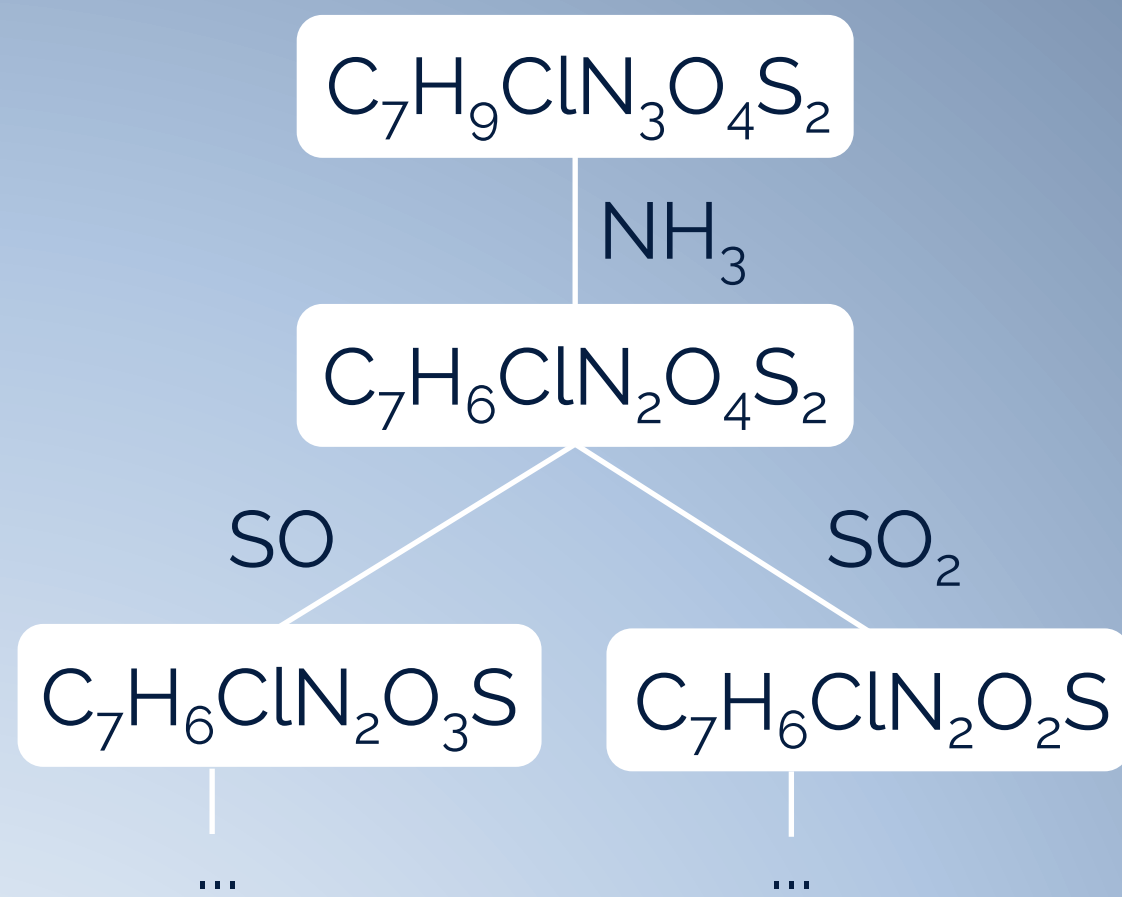
for unknown chemicals

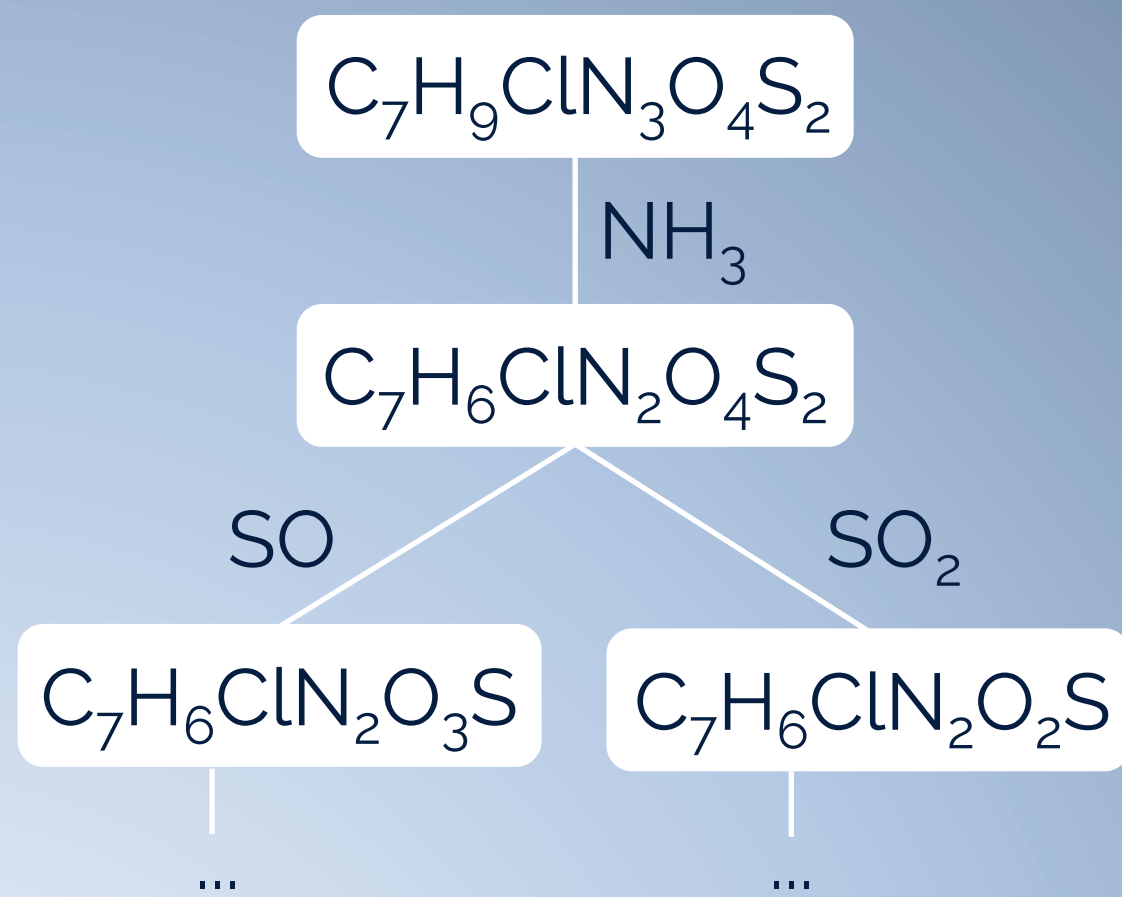




fragmentation
tree

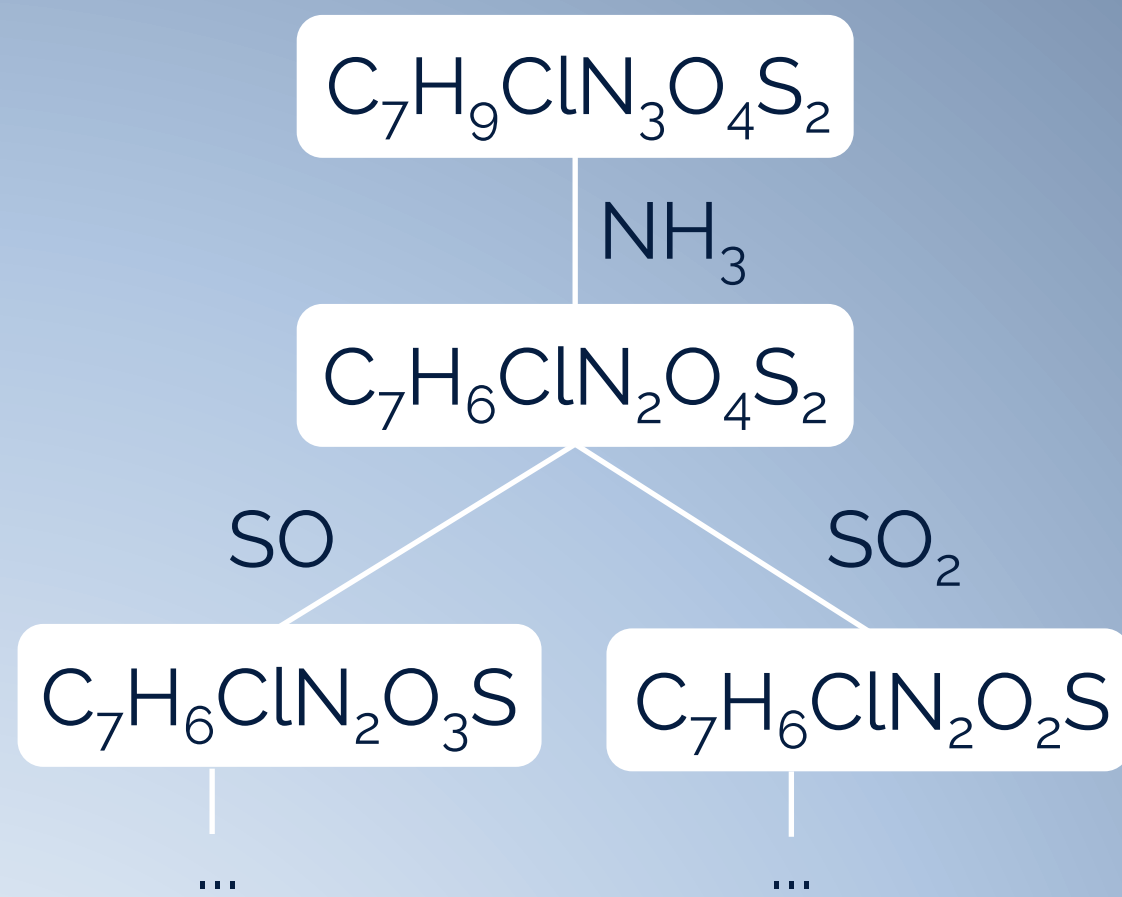






machine learning
 \longrightarrow

0	O-P
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1	NH ₂
1	O



machine learning
 →

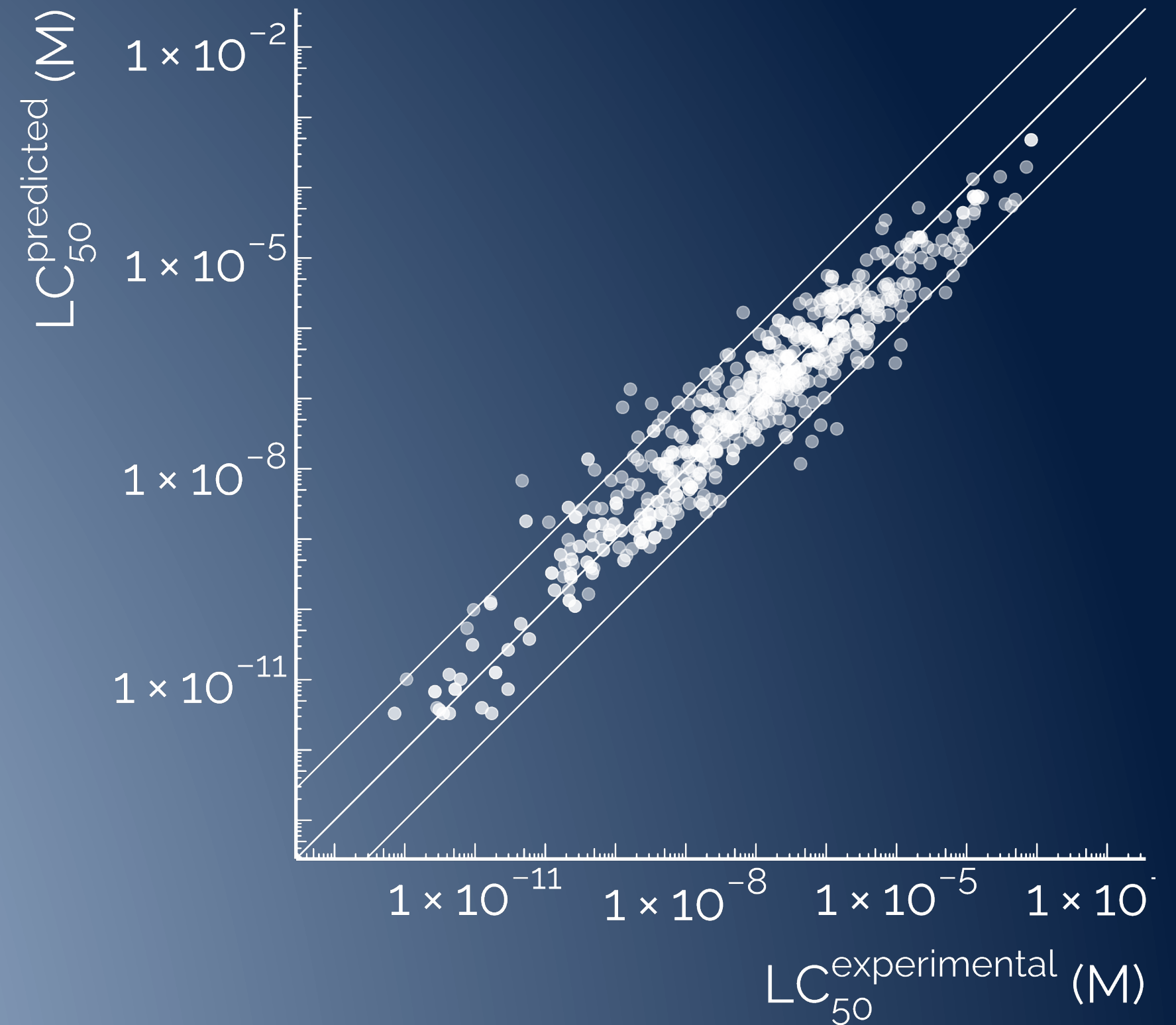
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p(AhR active)=
 0.83

LC₅₀ predictions

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fish LC₅₀

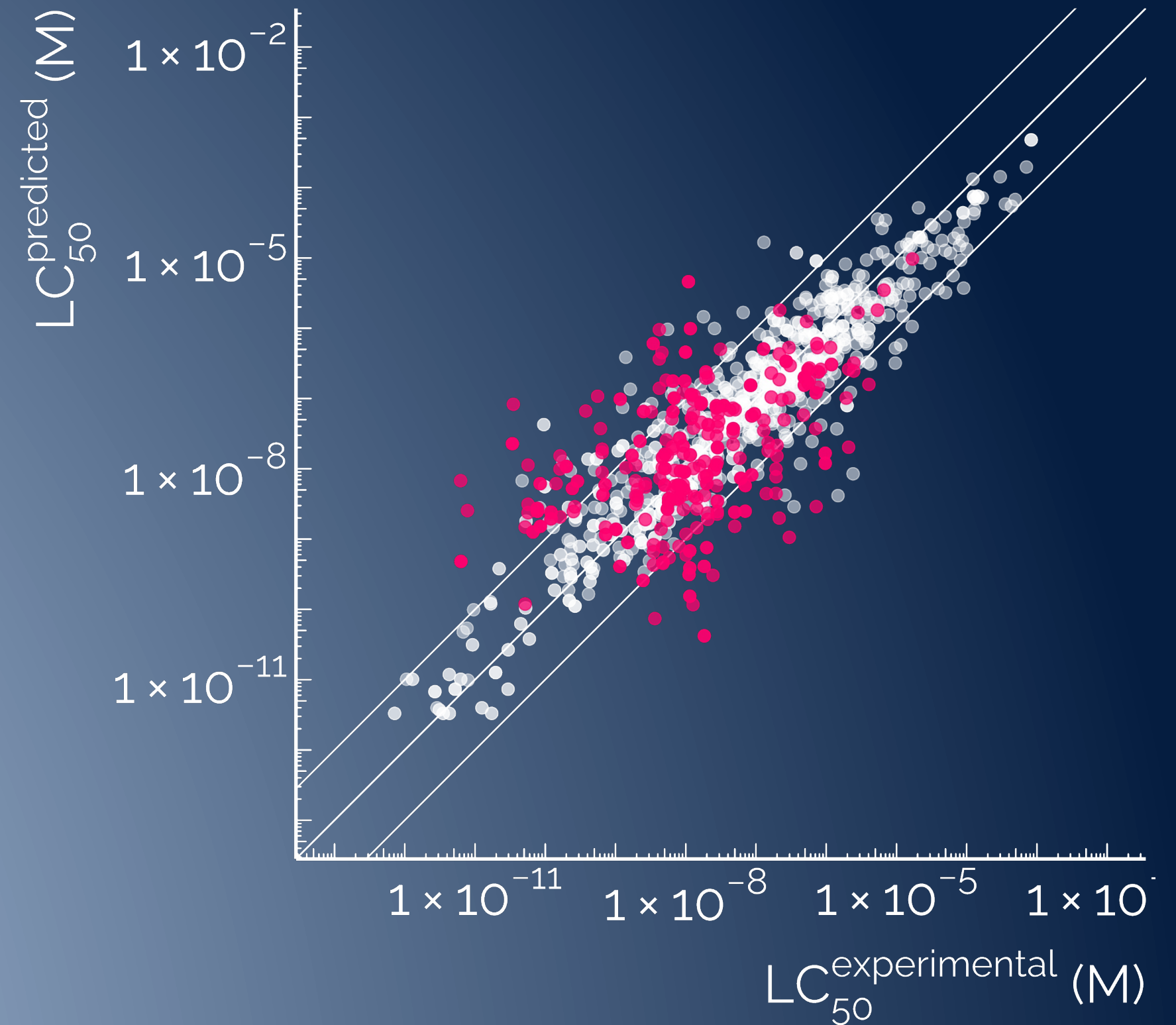


test set

RMSE 0.78 log(M)

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validation on MassBank

RMSE_{model} 0.88 log(M)

SD_{experimental} 0.44 log(M)

endocrine disruption

Rahu et al. JCIM 2024
Tox21 endpoints

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which is more dramatic:
FP or FN?

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FPR @ TPR = 0.9

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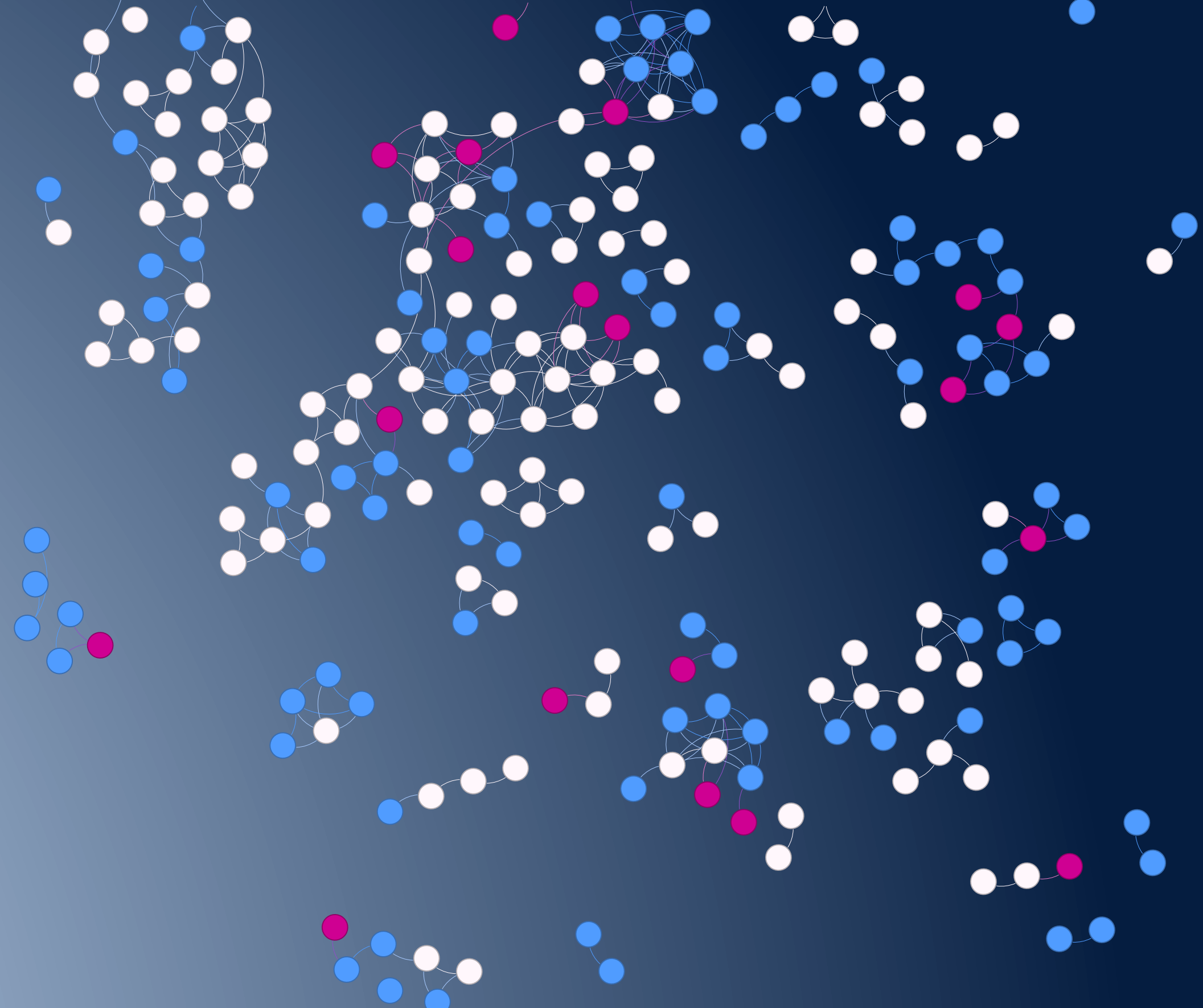
bioassay	FPR
sr.mmp	25.1%
sr.p53	25.4%
nr.ahr	41.8%
...	...
nr.ar	82.4%
nr.er	85.0%

MassBank & MoNA
748 compounds

alternative approaches

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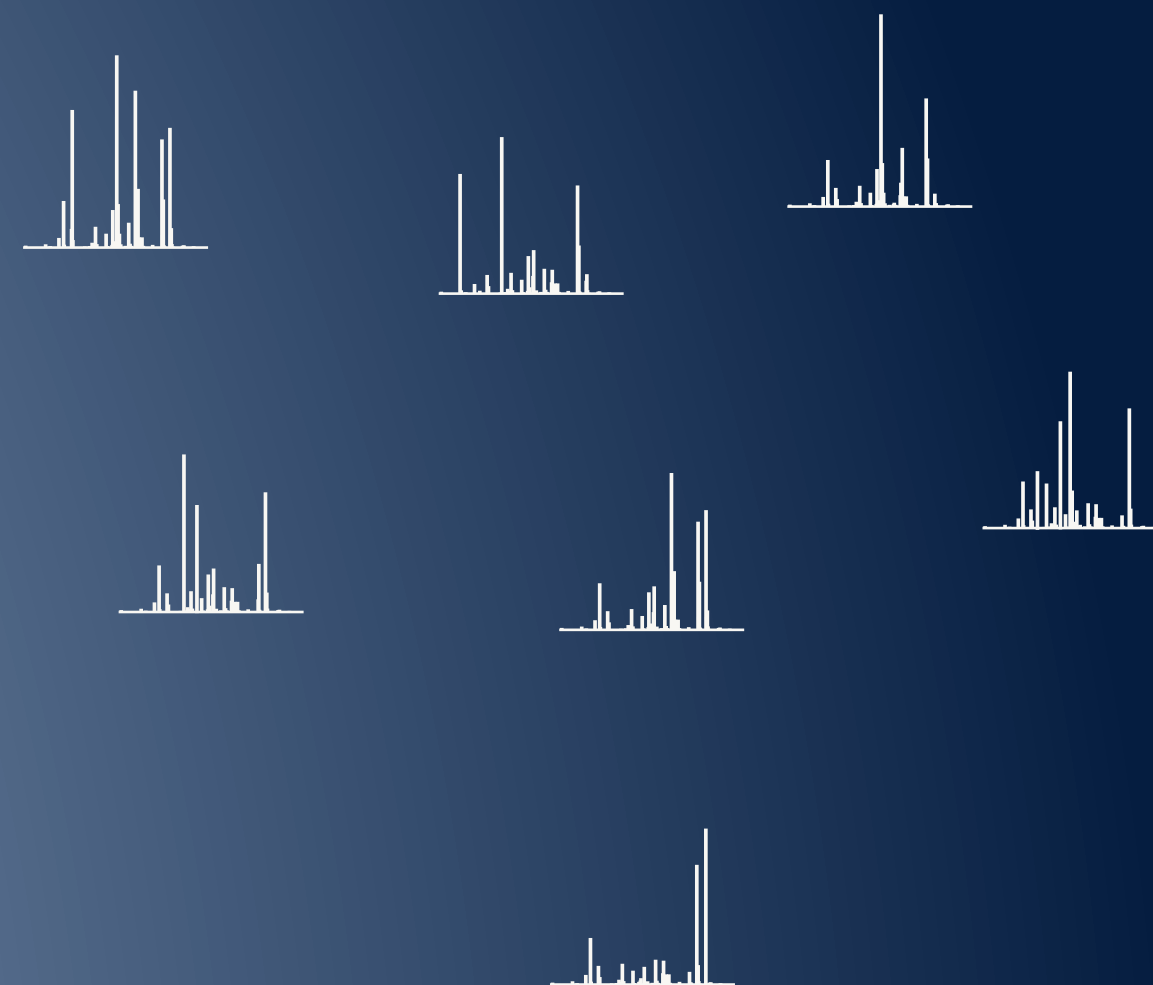
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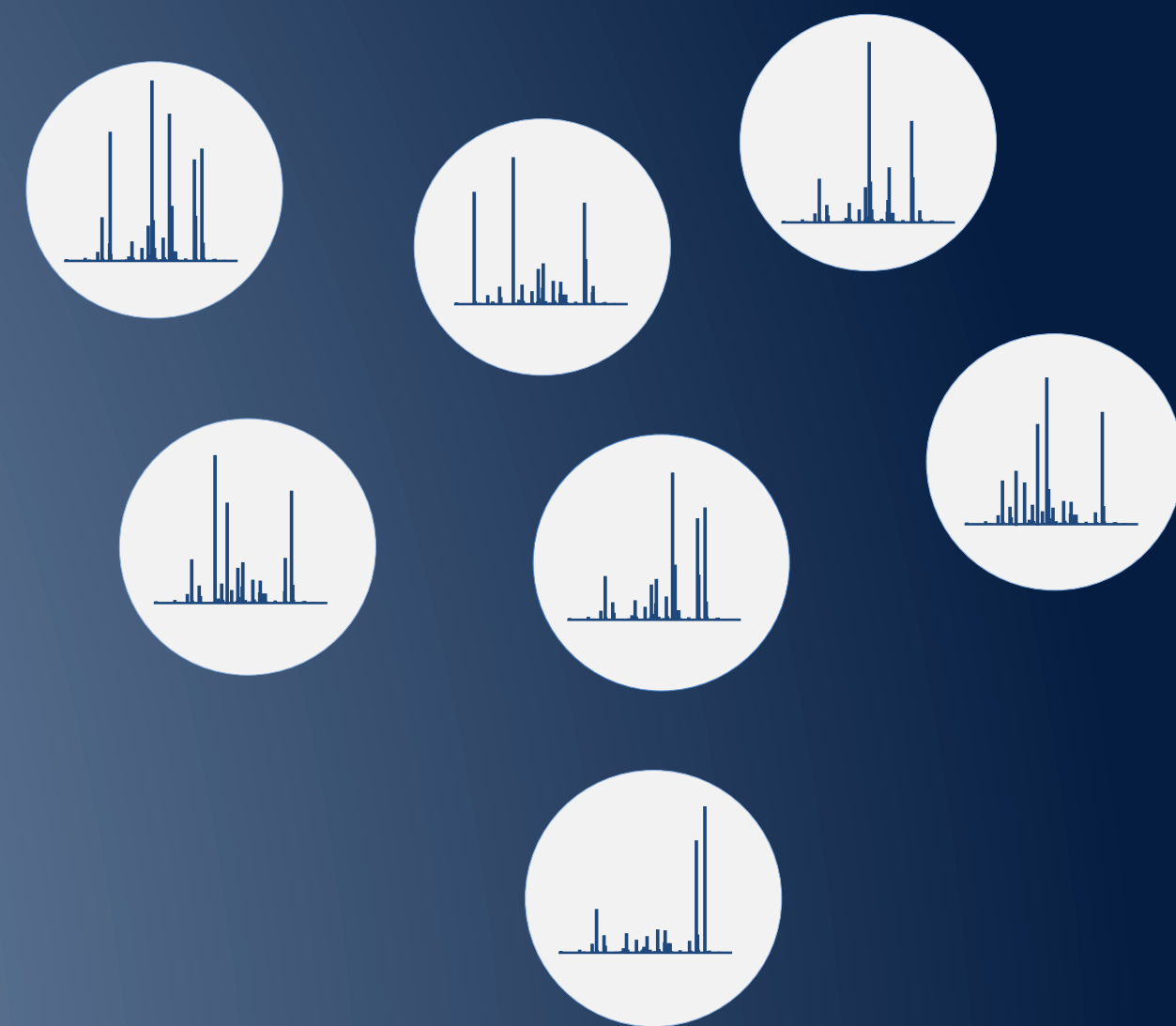
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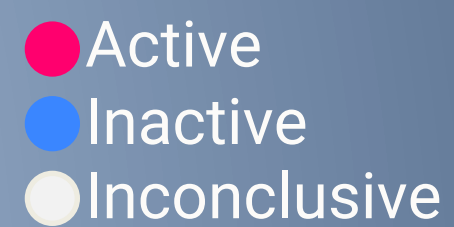
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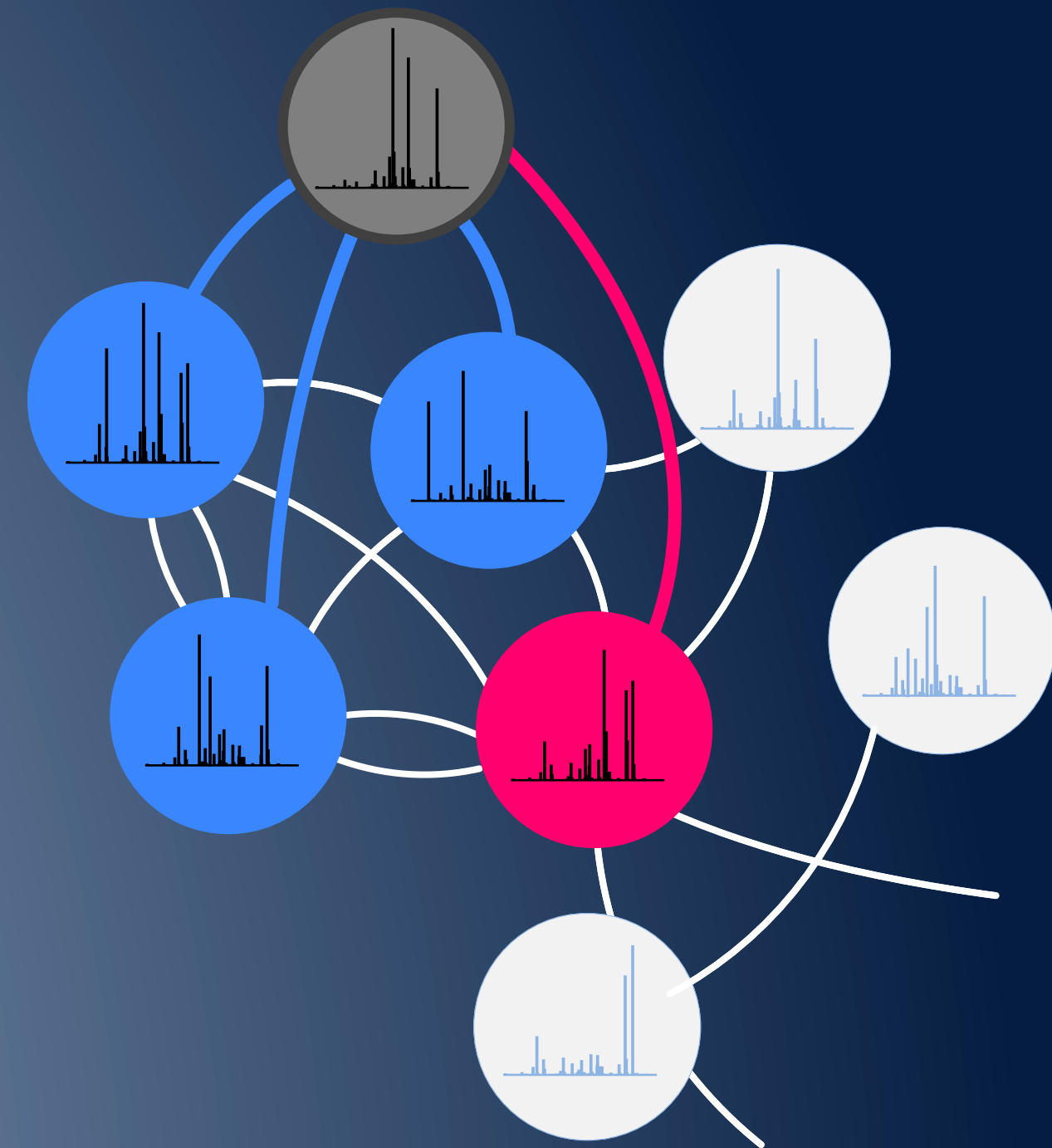
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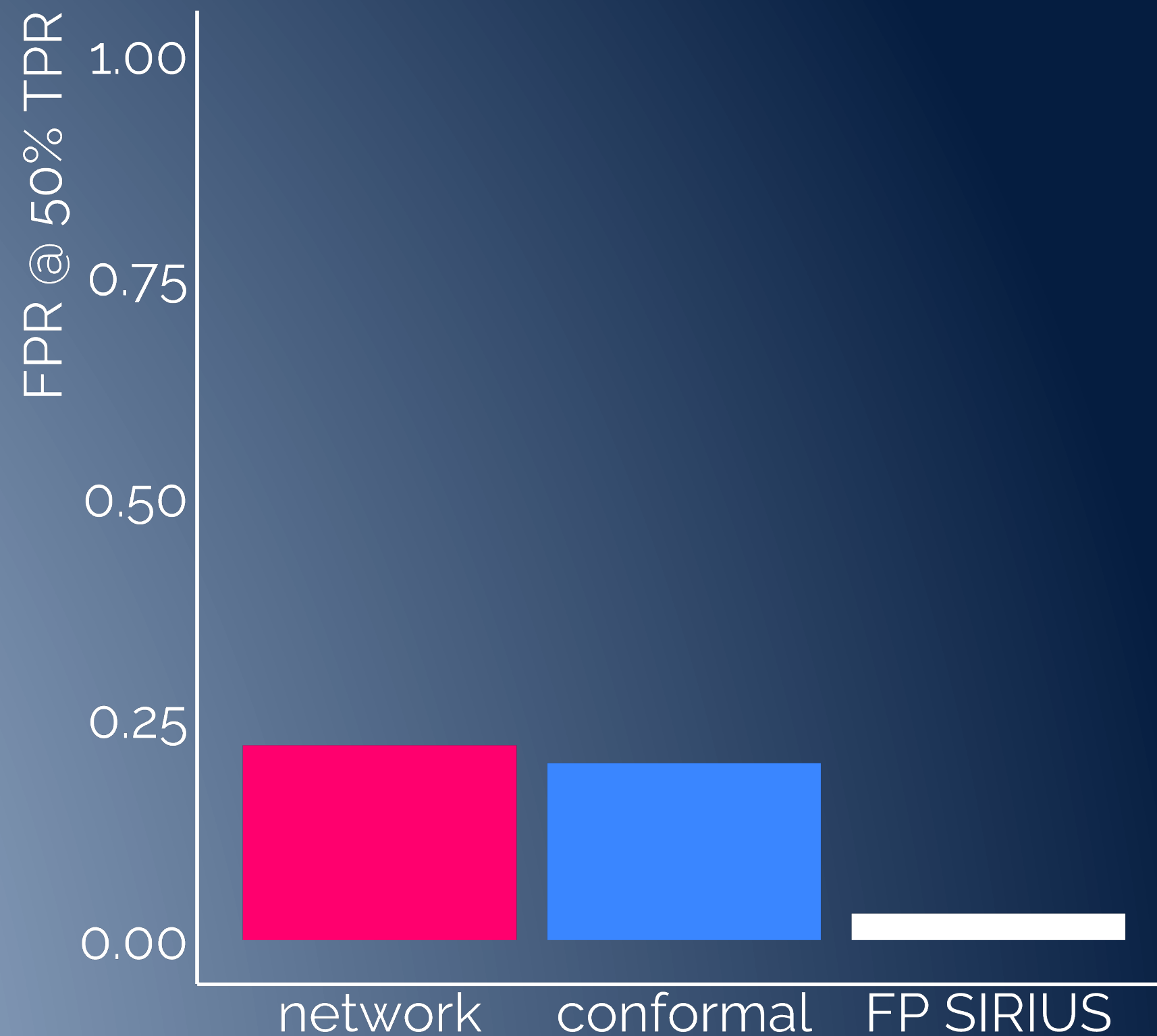
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- Active
- Inactive
- Inconclusive
- Unknown

AhR activity predictions

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case study: interlaboratory comparison



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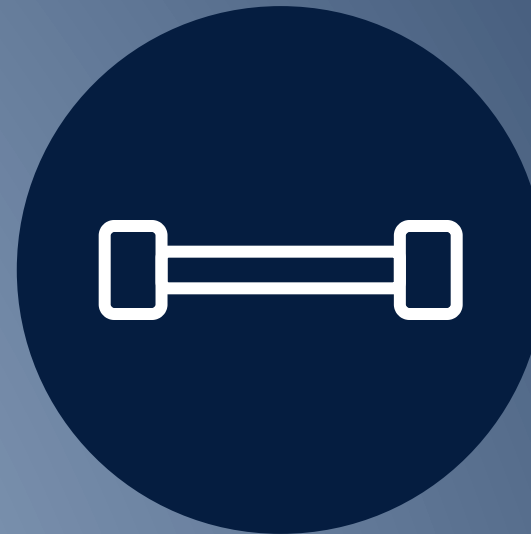
interlaboratory comparison

Sandberg, Rahu, in
preparation



SAMPLES

spiked water samples



ANALYSIS

HRMS, etc. characterization



DATA PROCESSING

AhR activity

results

4700

LC/HRMS features detected

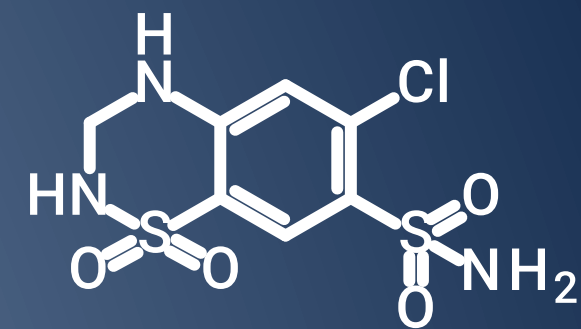
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features with MS² spectra

55

features predicted active

AhR active



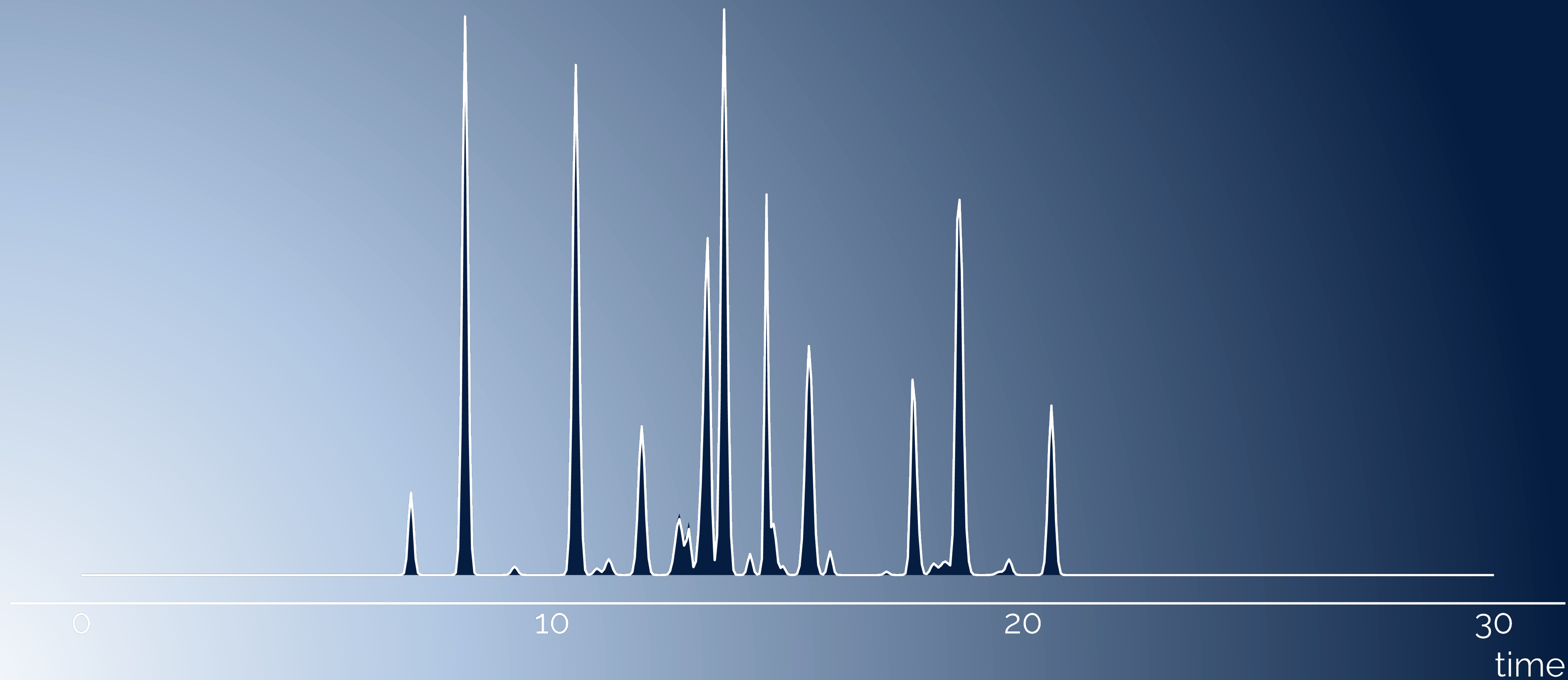
hydrochlorothiazide

quantification

of detected chemicals

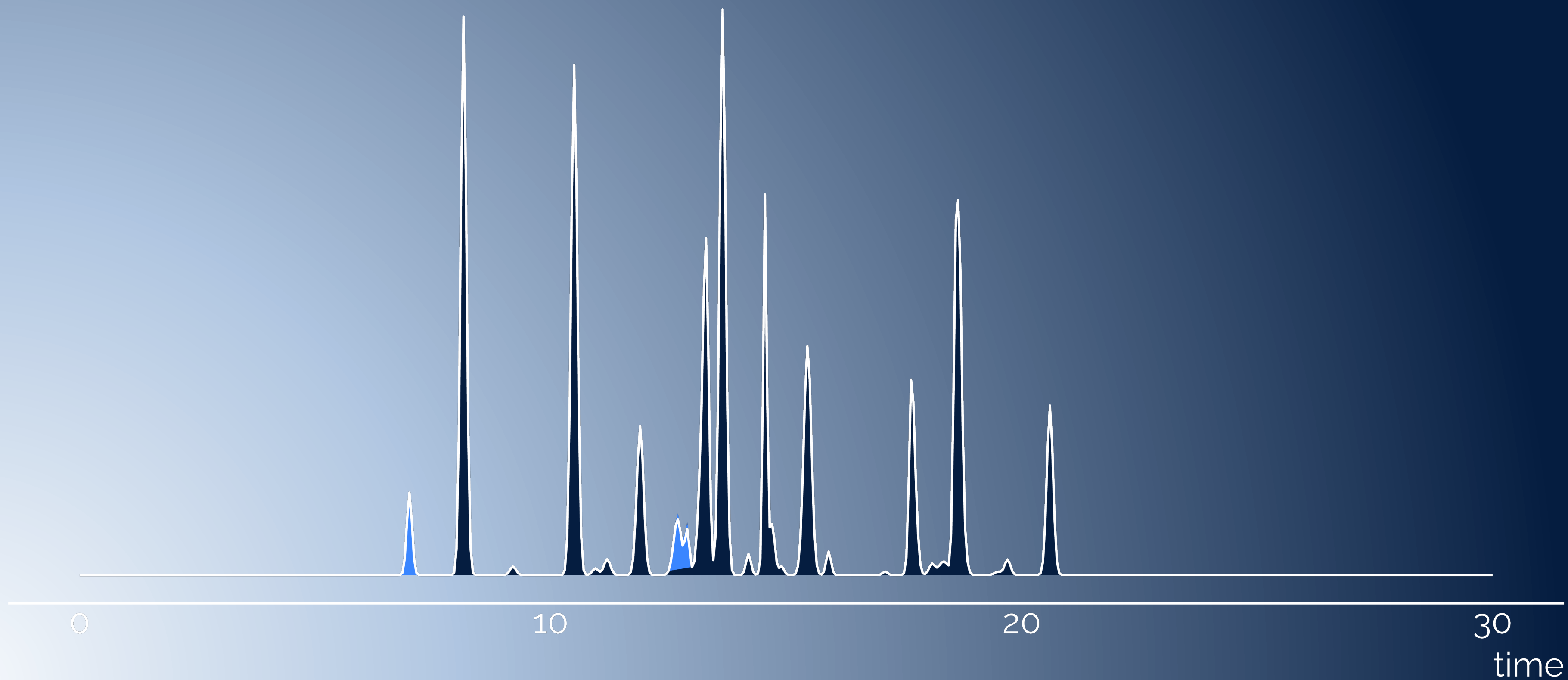
quantification in ESI/HRMS

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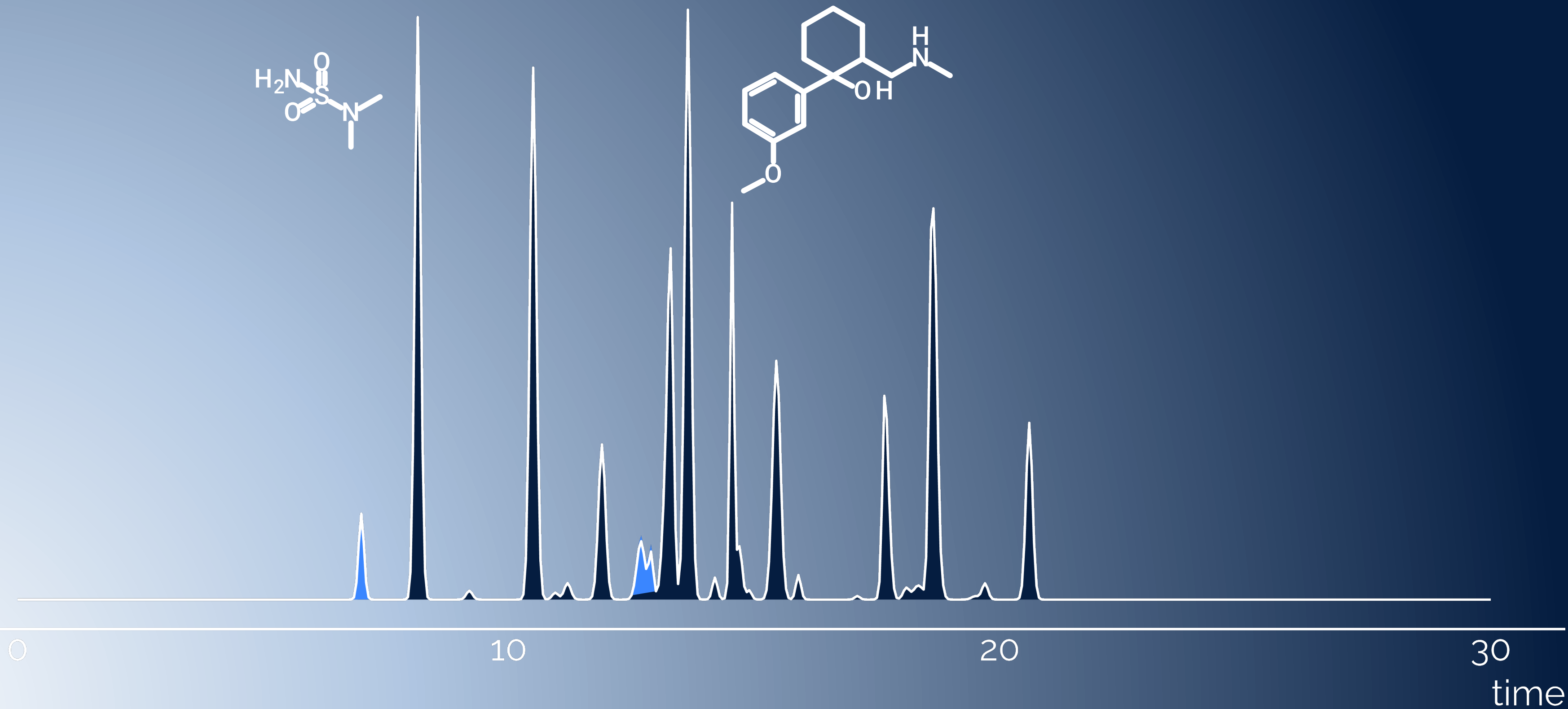
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1100 pM

22 pM



electrospray

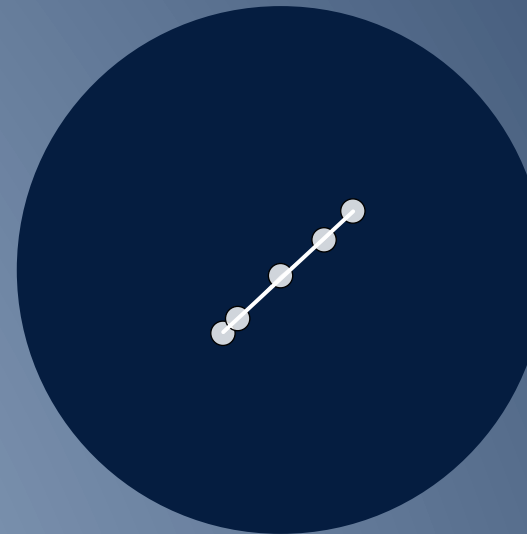


ionization efficiency



ANALYSIS

flow injections or LC



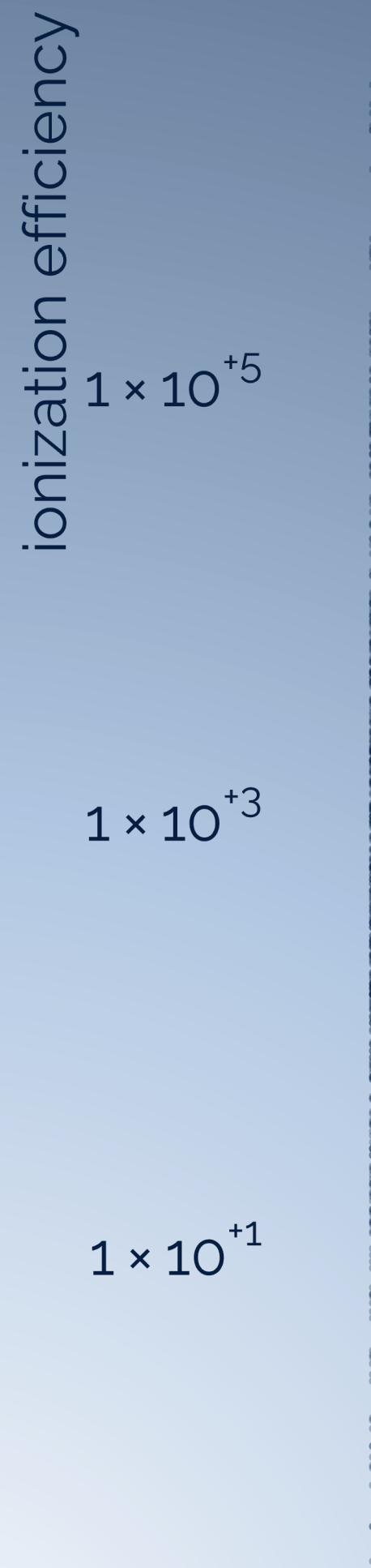
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calibration graphs

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

IONIZATION EFFICIENCY

relative measurements



ionization efficiency

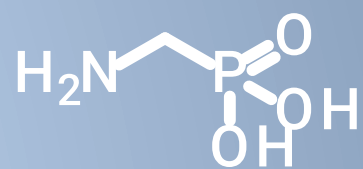
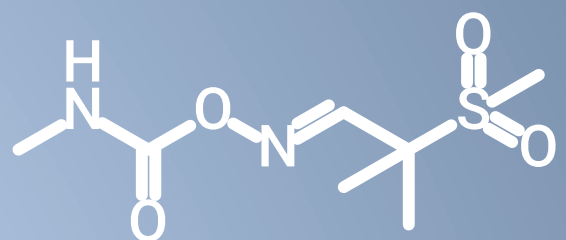
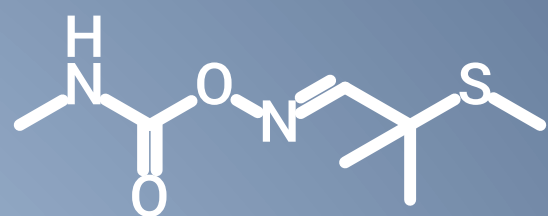
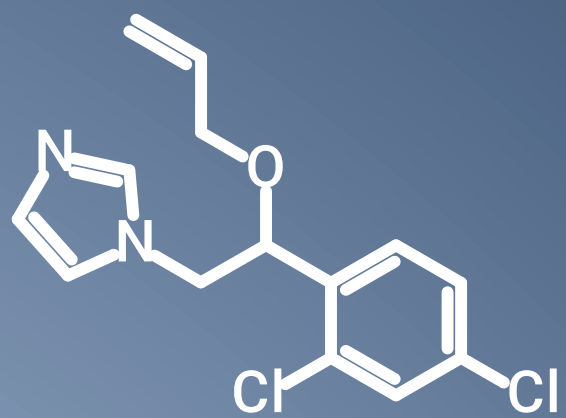
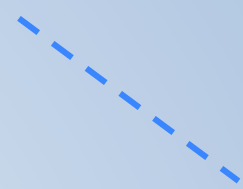
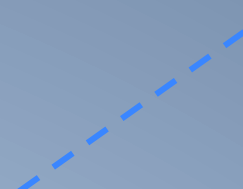
one solvent, purely analyte properties
377 chemicals
10,000,000x difference in *IE*

ionization efficiency

$1 \times 10^{+5}$

$1 \times 10^{+3}$

$1 \times 10^{+1}$



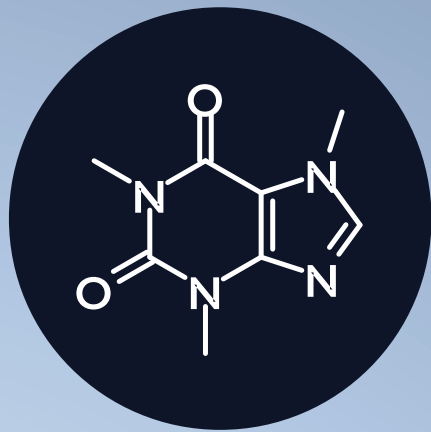
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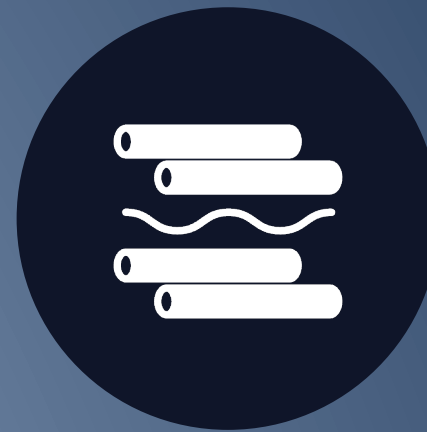
ionization efficiency



structure



mobile phase



instrument



matrix

quantification

with machine learning

quantification approaches



CLOSE ELUTING

calibration graph



STRUCTURALLY SIMILAR

calibration graphs



IONIZATION EFFICIENCY

prediction model

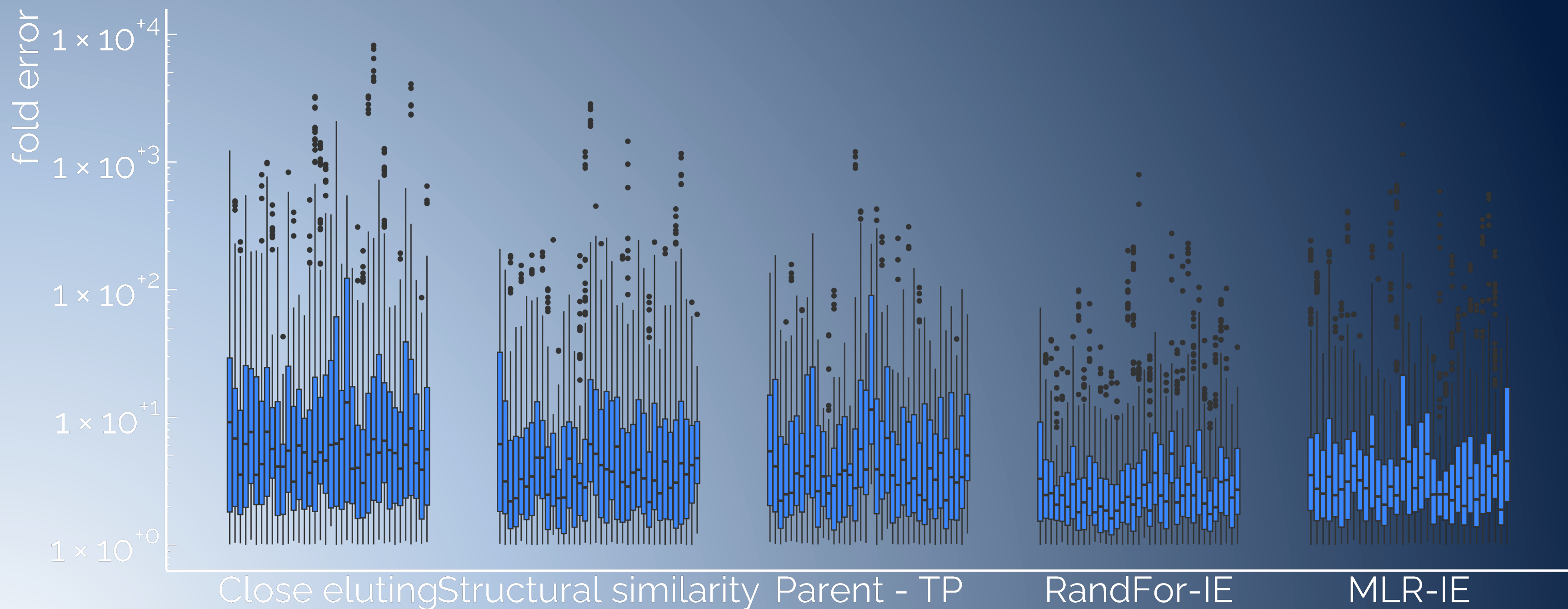
interlaboratory comparison

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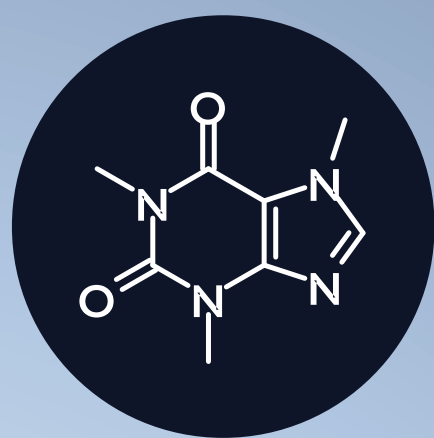


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workflow



SMILES or MS²

+ mobile phase
composition



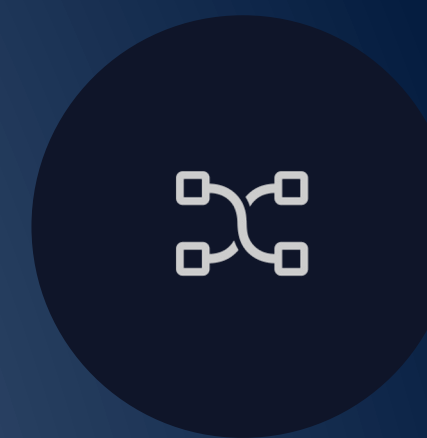
features

PaDEL, Mordred, SIRIUS
fingerprints



machine
learning

RandomForest, xgbTree



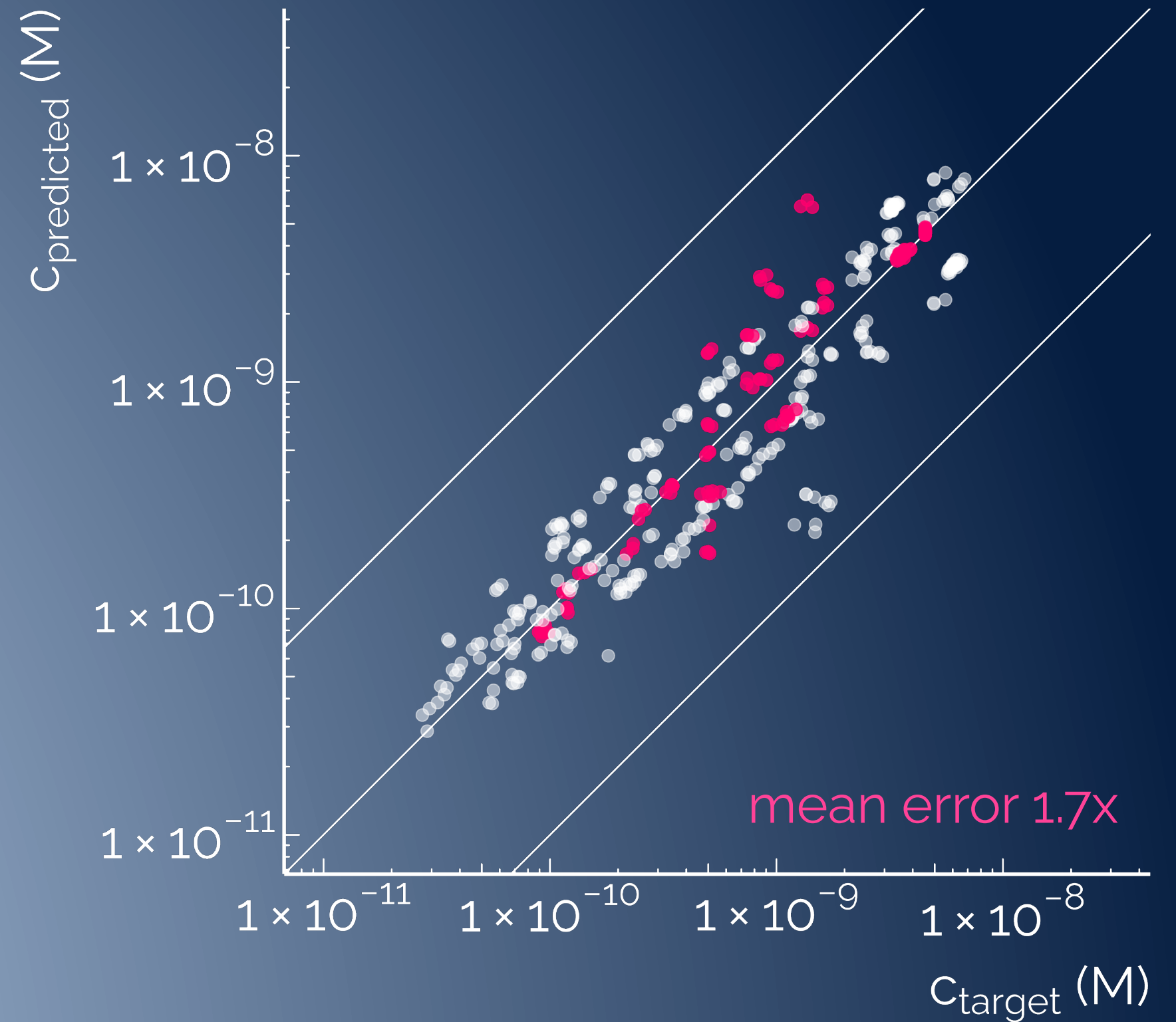
model selection

Root Mean Square Error
(RMSE)

quantification

from structure

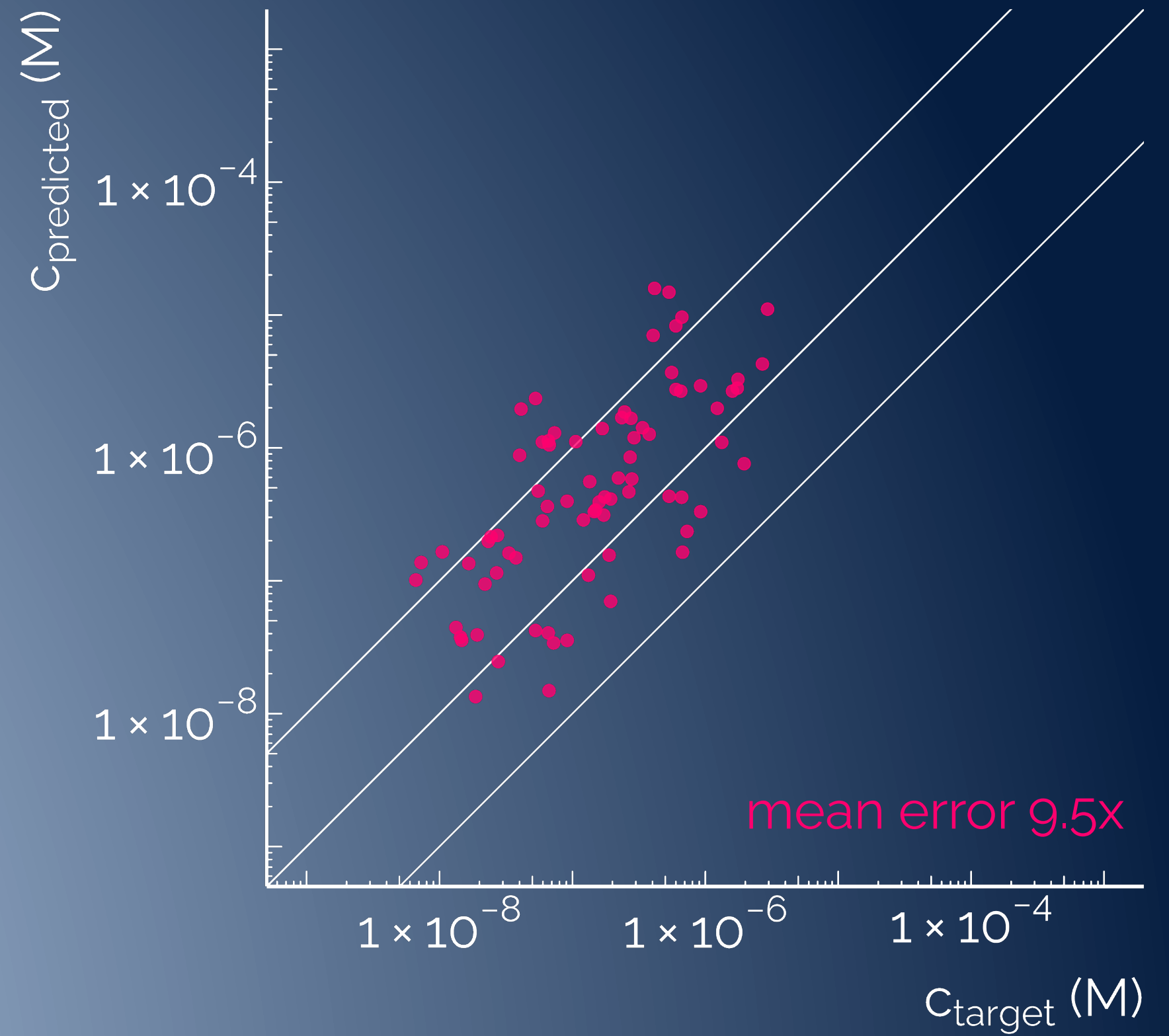
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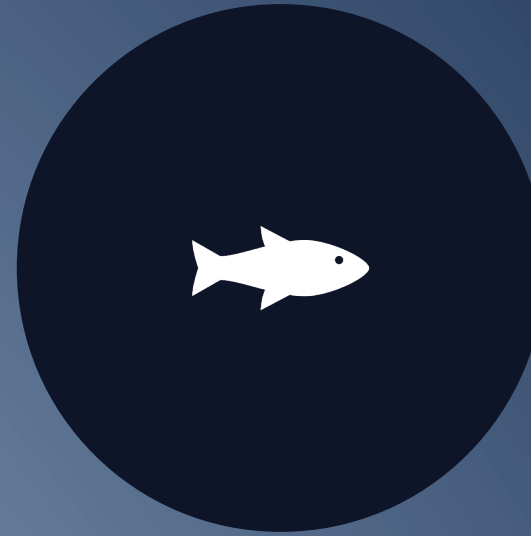
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prioritization of chemicals



TOXICITY

ecotoxicity and endocrine
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CONCENTRATION

exposure to potentially toxic
chemicals

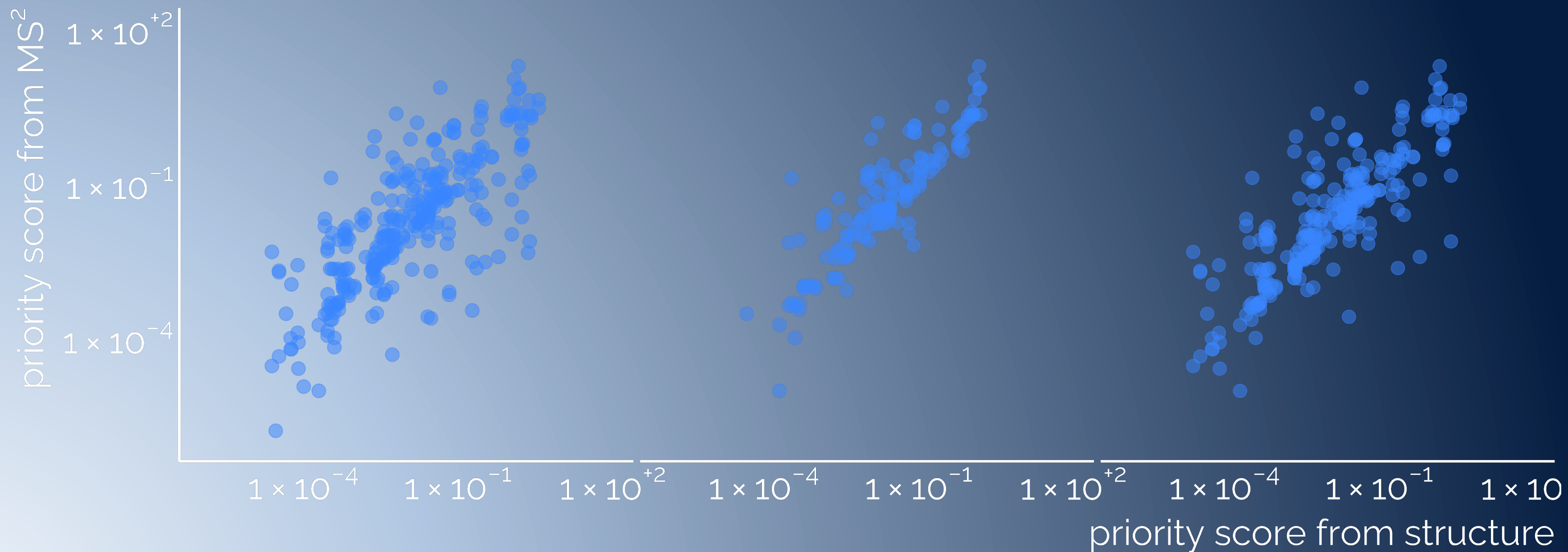


RISK

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interlaboratory comparison

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how to ...



PRIORITIZE

risk



IDENTIFY

structure

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PRIORITIZE

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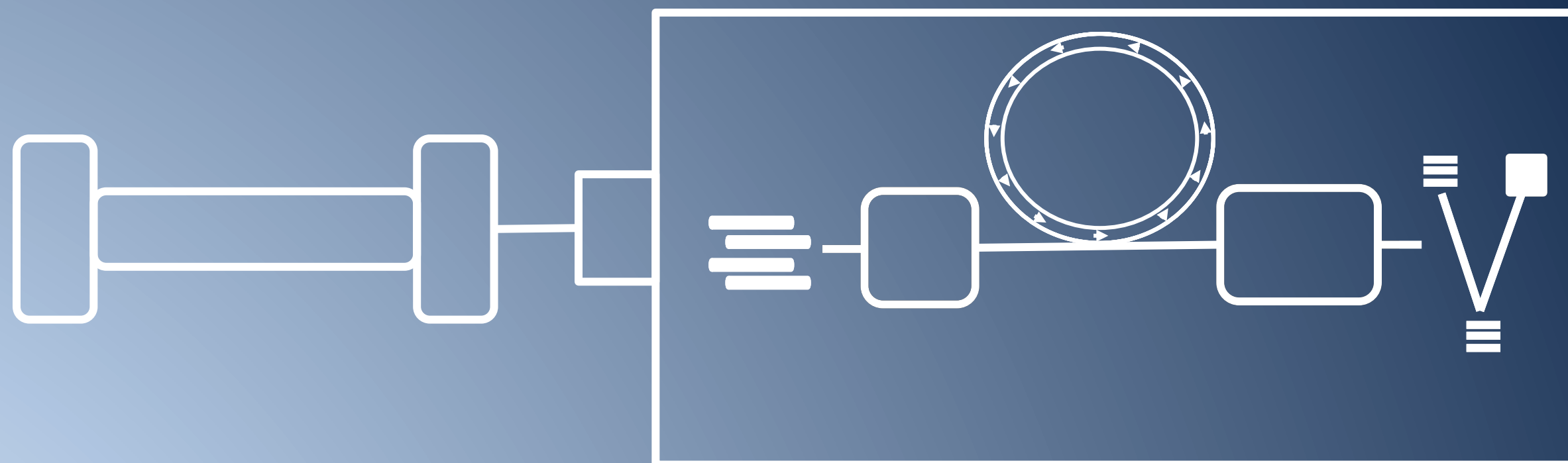
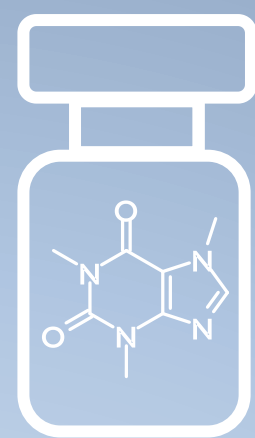


IDENTIFY

structure

orthogonal separation

Akhlaqi et al. Anal Bioanal Chem 2023



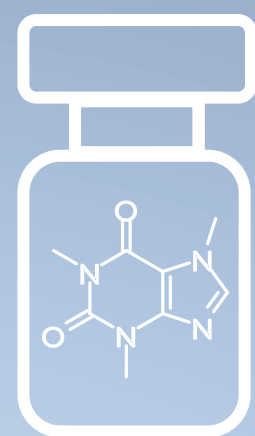
chromatography

ion mobility

MS²

orthogonal separation

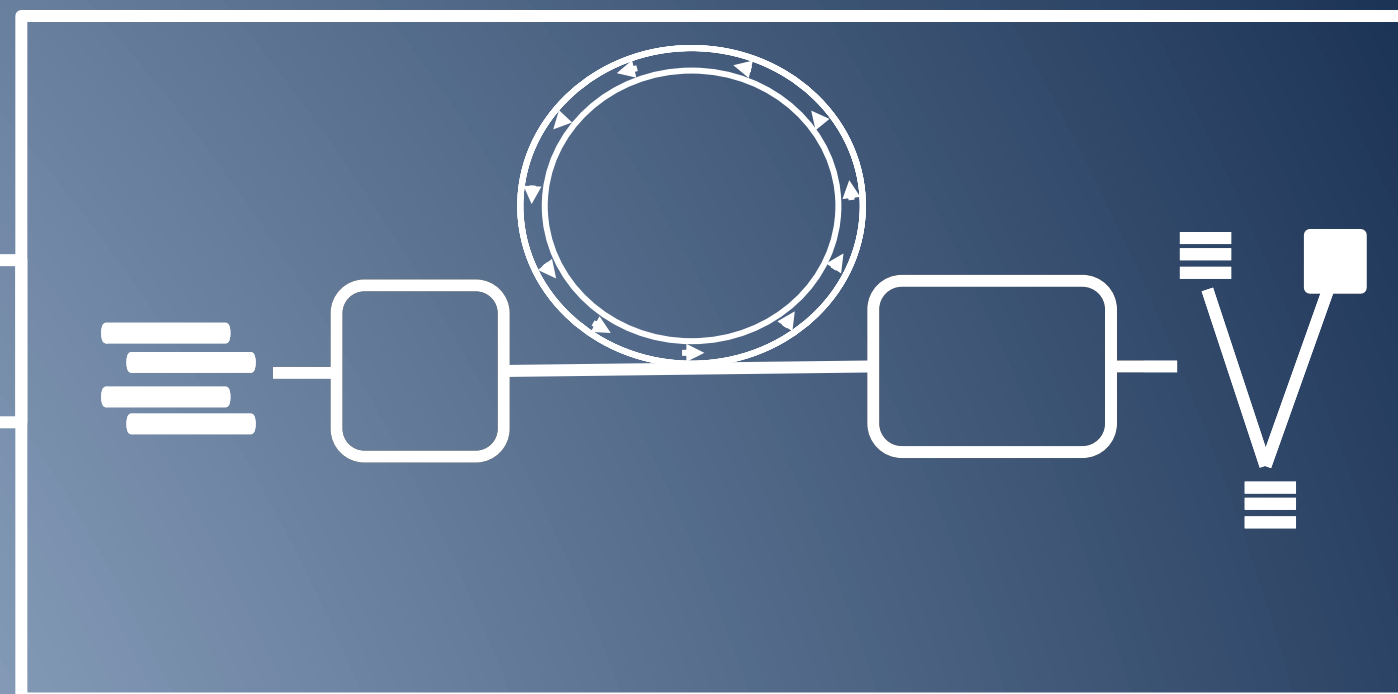
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C₁₈ RP



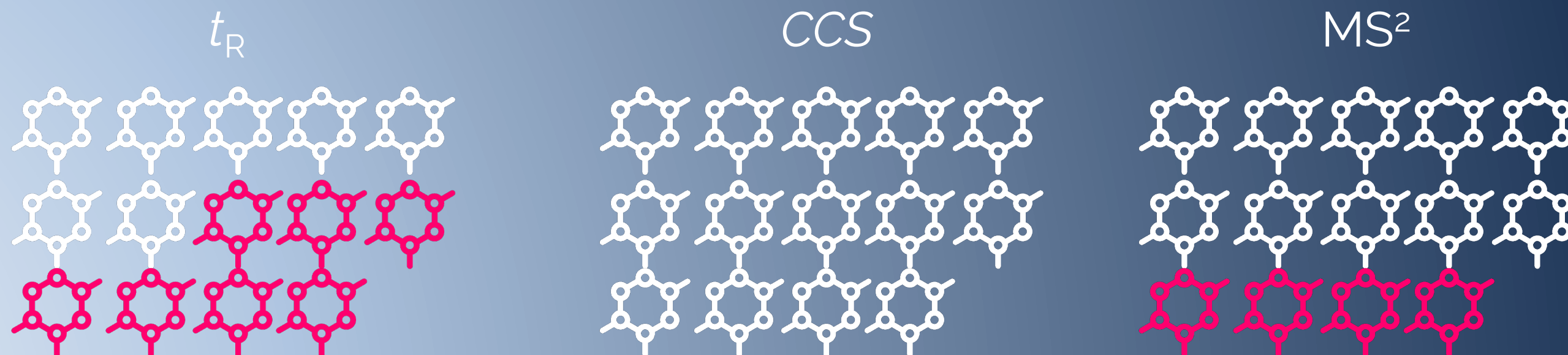
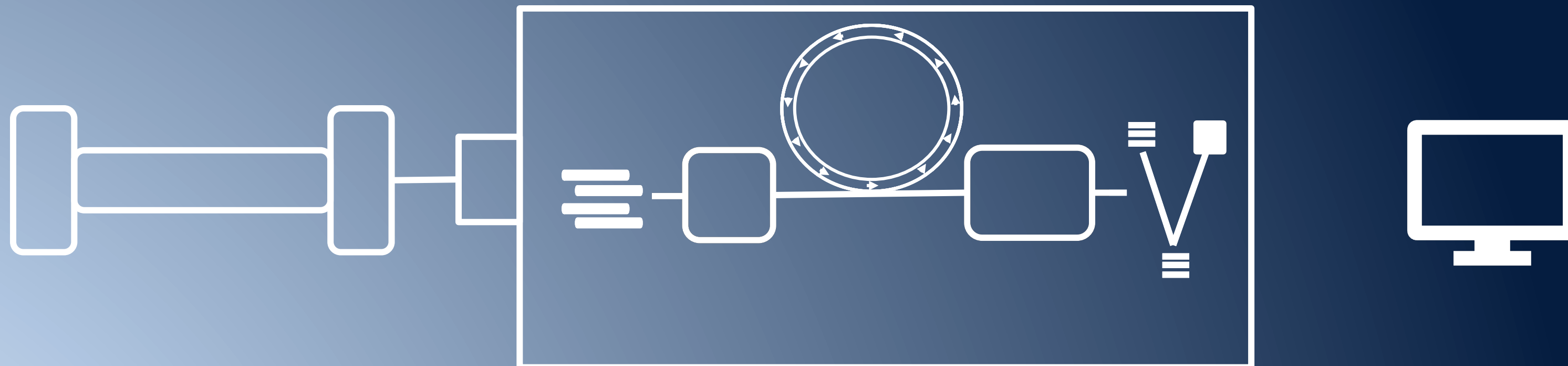
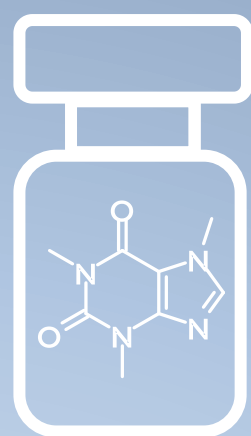
Cyclic IMS
&
MS² with ToF



SIRIUS+
CSI:FingerID
&
CFM-ID

orthogonal separation

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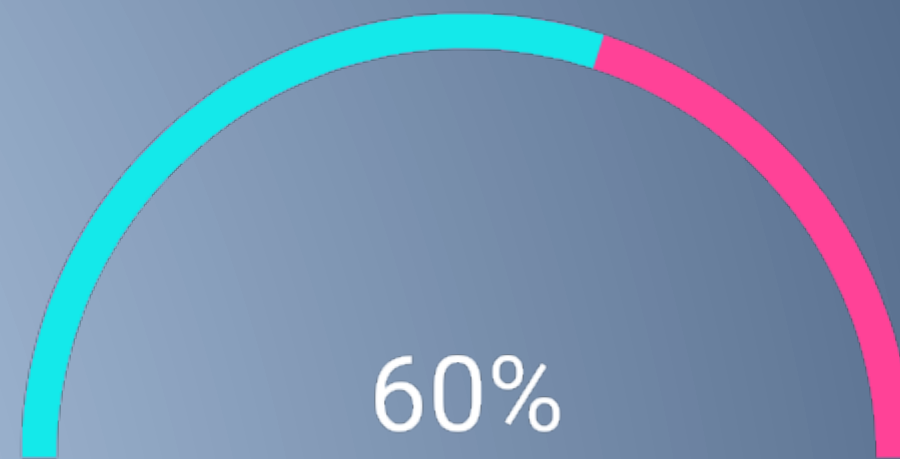
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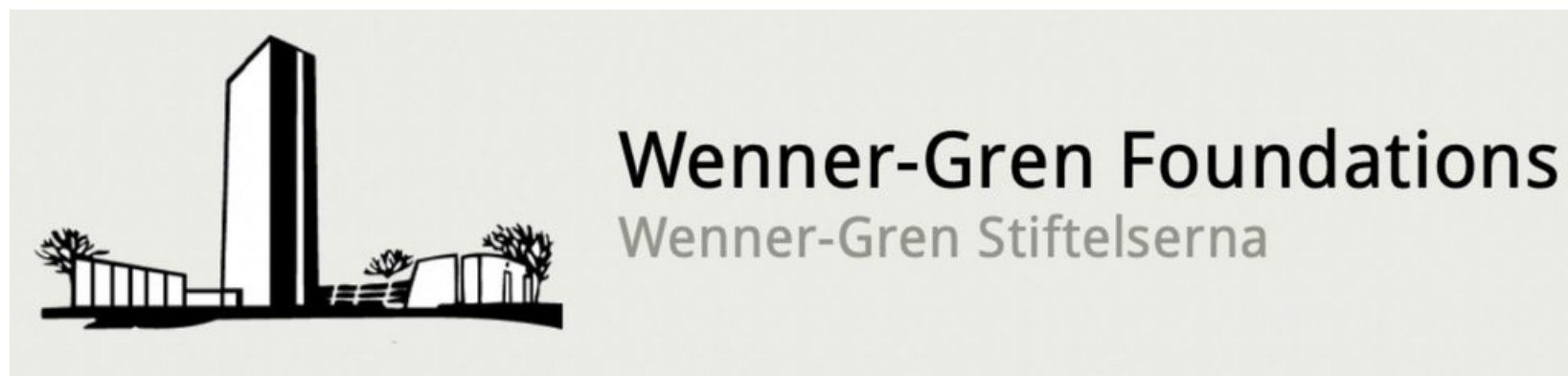


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