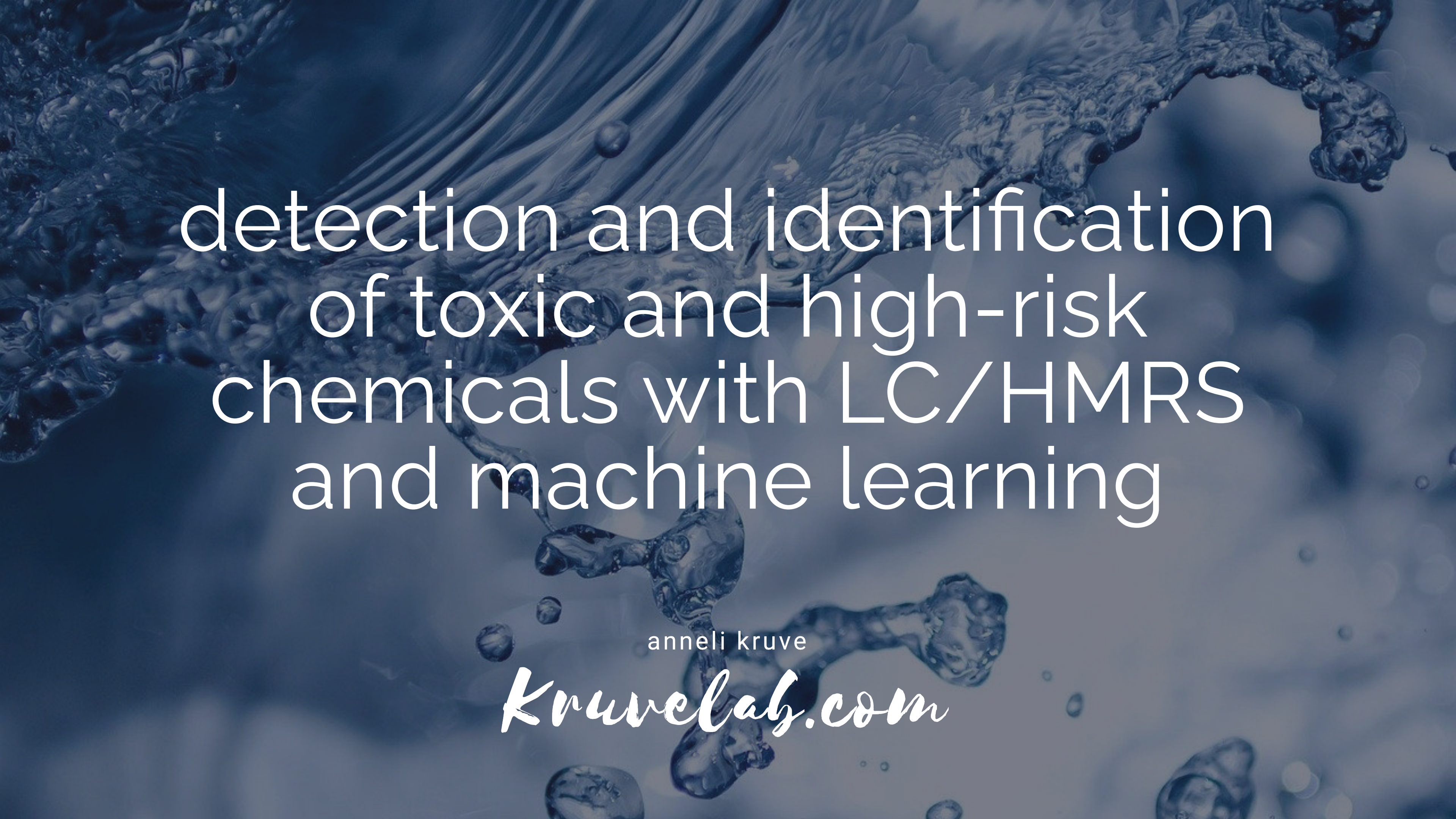




detection and identification of toxic and high-risk chemicals with LC/HMRS and machine learning

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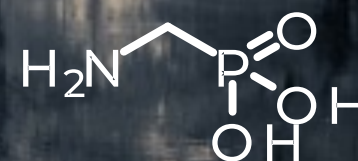
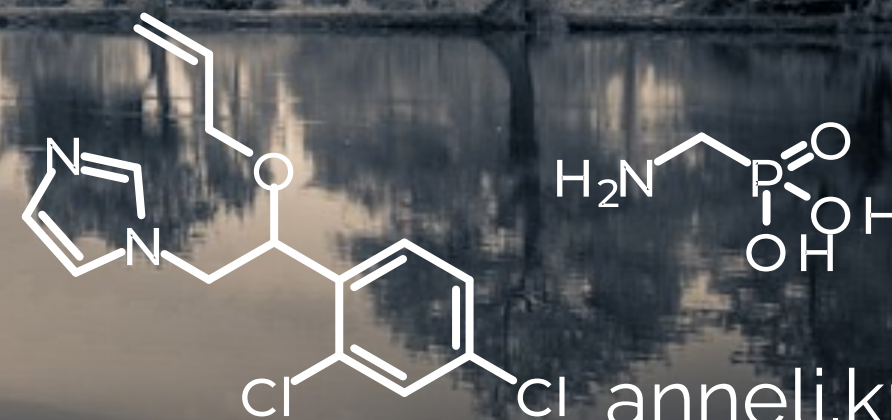
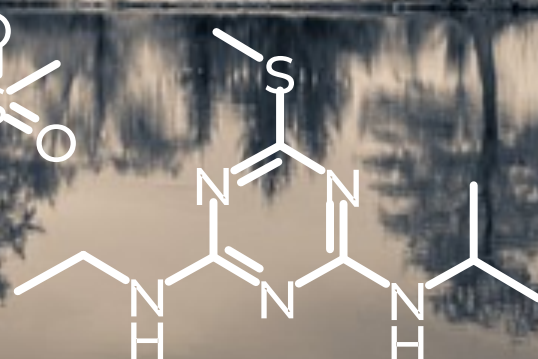
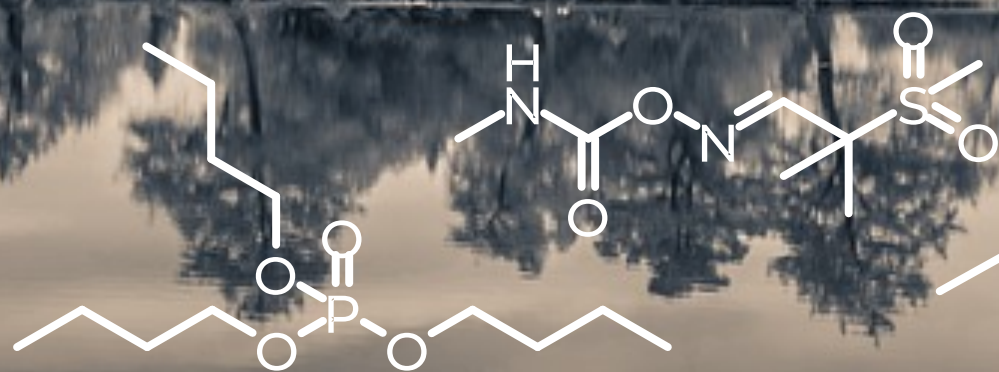
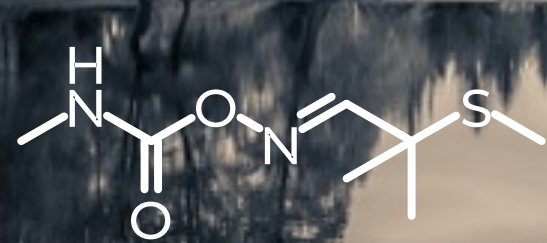
increased
threat to
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an offence more than
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water analysis

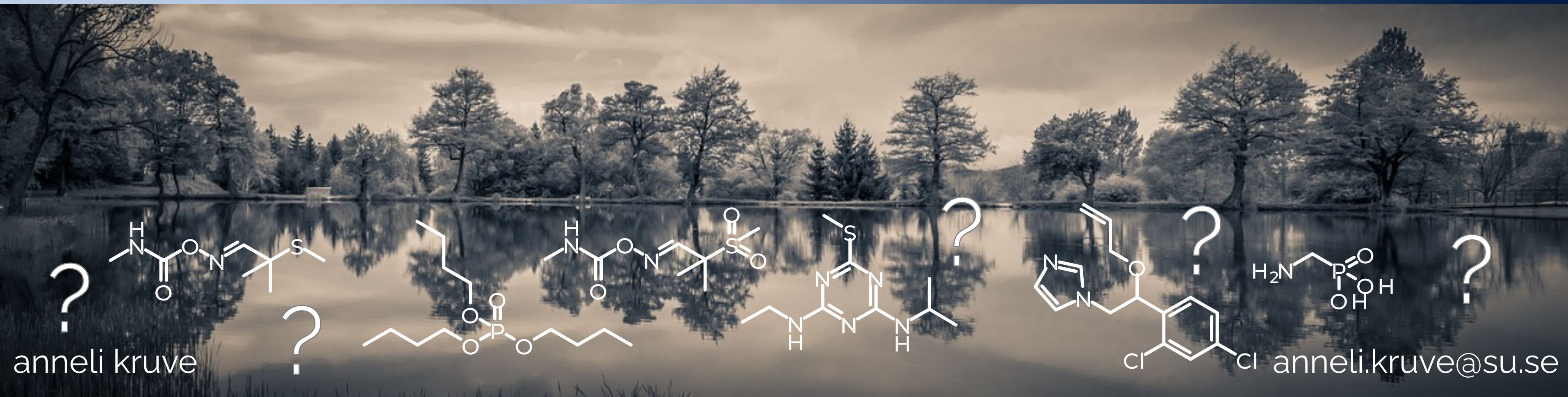


water analysis



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thousands of chemicals
detected



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Table 1. The following BEQ values were measured in the current samples:

	Nrf2 activity	Anti�AR activity	AR activity	ER activity	AhR activity
	�g/L (tBHQ equivalents)	ng/L (OHF equivalents)	ng/L (DHT equivalents)	pg/L (E2 equivalents)	ng/L (TCDD equivalents)
Reference to sample 1	<LOD	<LOD	<LOD	<LOD	<LOD
Sample 1	<LOD	<LOD	79300	784	0.0814
Reference to sample 2	21.1	73.6	<LOD	21.7	<LOD
Sample 2	992	2670	<LOD*	<LOD*	<LOD*
Detection limit	8.34	43.8	0.122	12.5	0.0196
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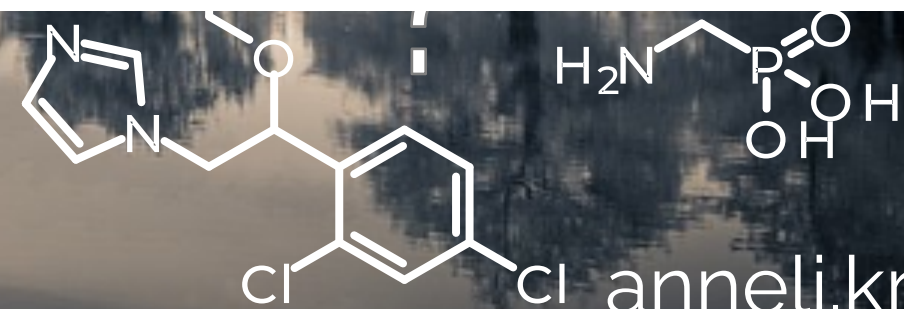
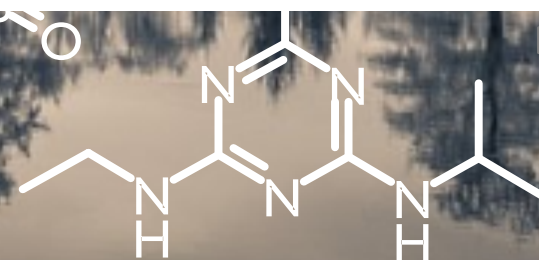
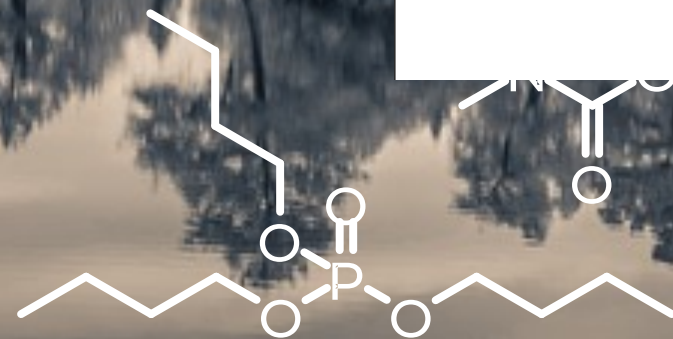
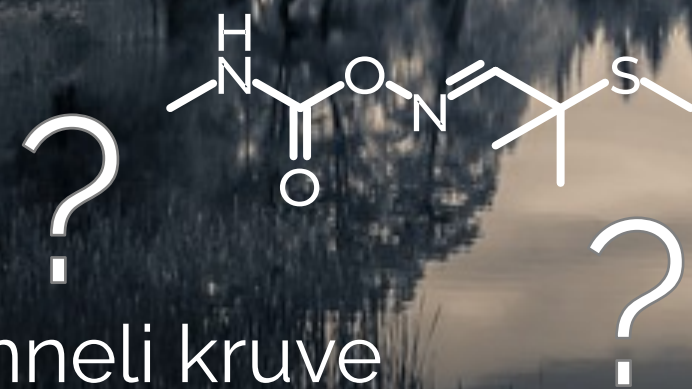
Table 2. Genotoxicity.

	Genotoxic?
Reference to sample 1	No
Sample 1	No
Reference to sample 2	No
Sample 2	Could not be determined*

*Due to extensive cytotoxicity, despite repeated analyses, it could not be determined whether sample 2 was genotoxic or not. The sample was tested down to the concentration REF 12.5, but even then was too cytotoxic to be able to determine if it was genotoxic.

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PRIORITIZE

risk



IDENTIFY

structure

how to ...



PRIORITIZE

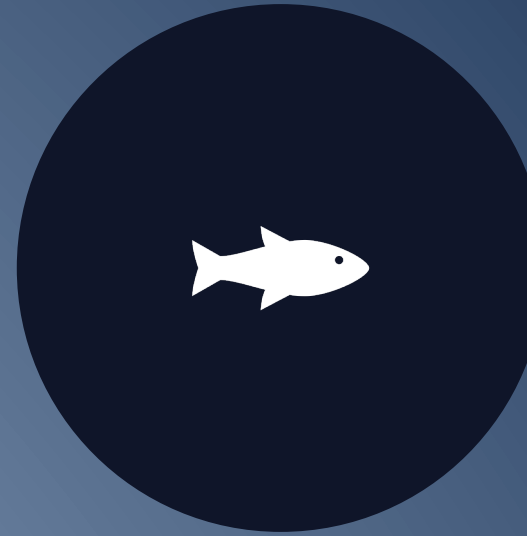
risk



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prioritization of chemicals



TOXICITY

ecotoxicity and endocrine
disruptors



CONCENTRATION

exposure to potentially toxic
chemicals



RISK

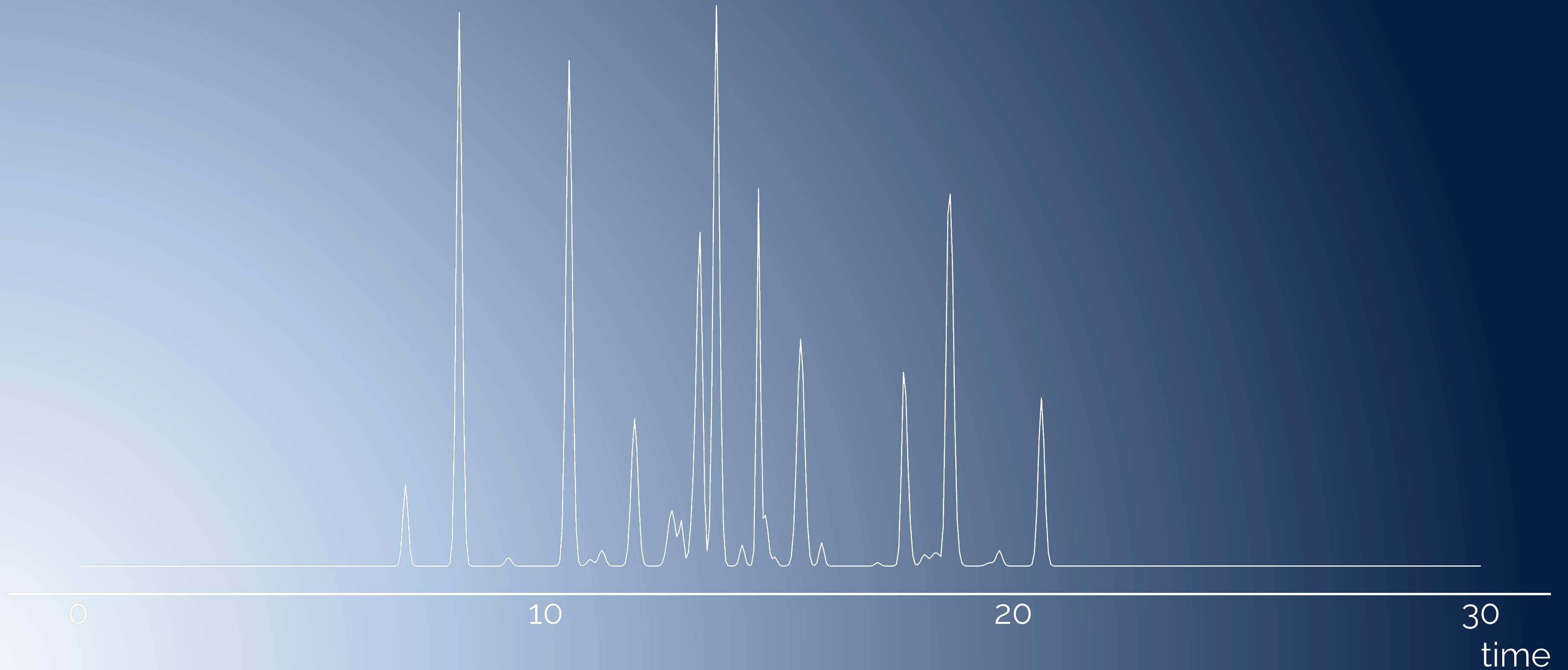
$$\text{PriorityScore} = \frac{C_{\text{predicted}}}{AC_{50}^{5\text{th percentile}}}$$

toxicity

of detected chemicals

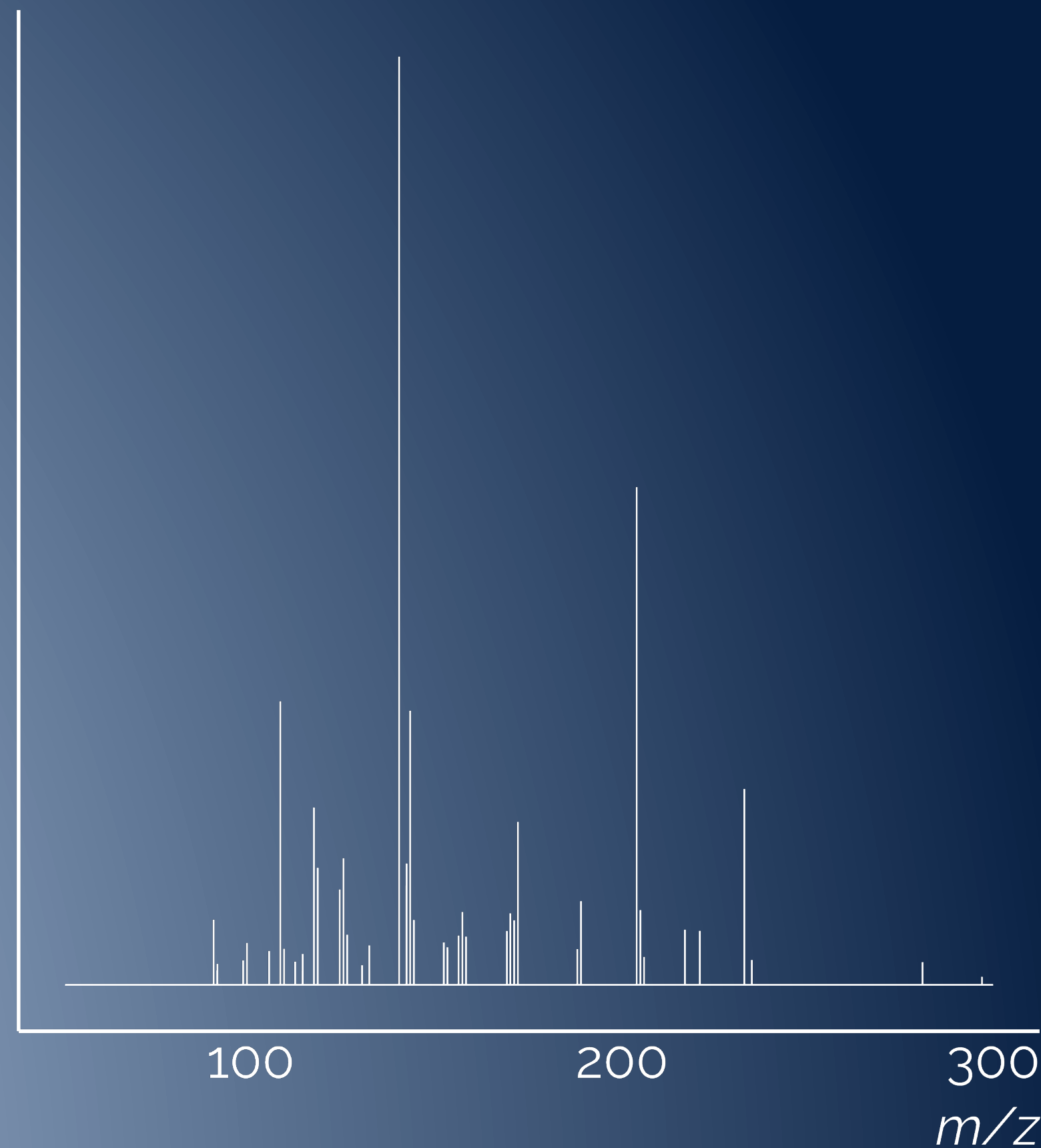
nontarget screening

with LC/HRMS

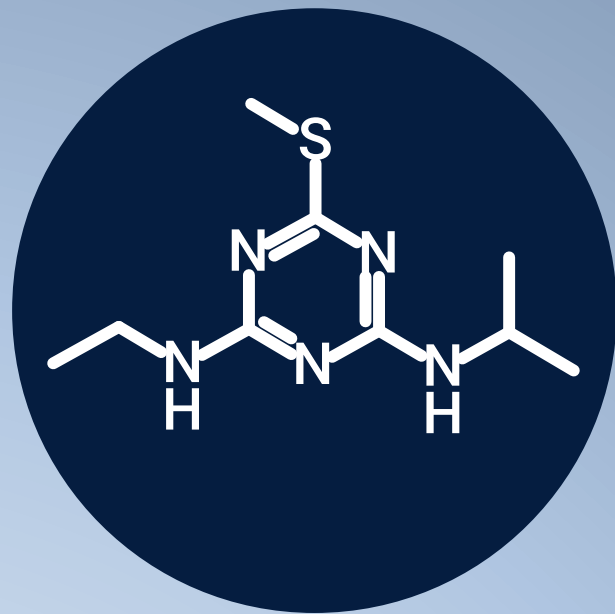


toxicity assessment

from spectra
to structure
to toxicity

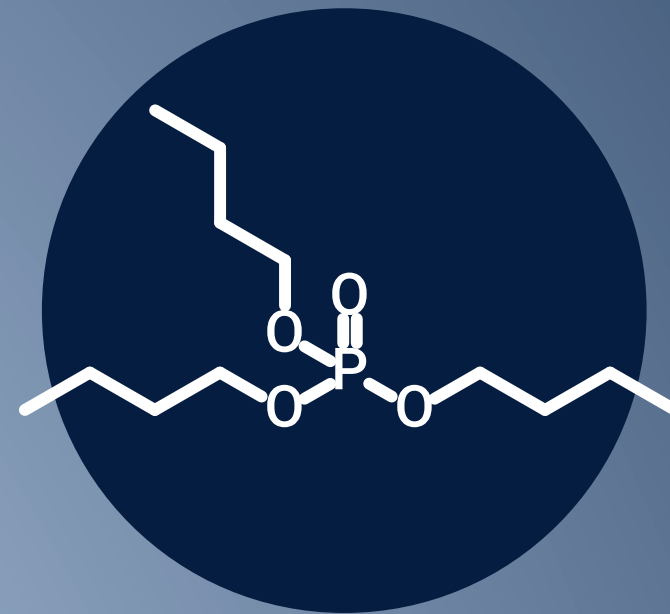


toxicity assessment



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

known structure
known toxicity



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

known structure
unknown toxicity

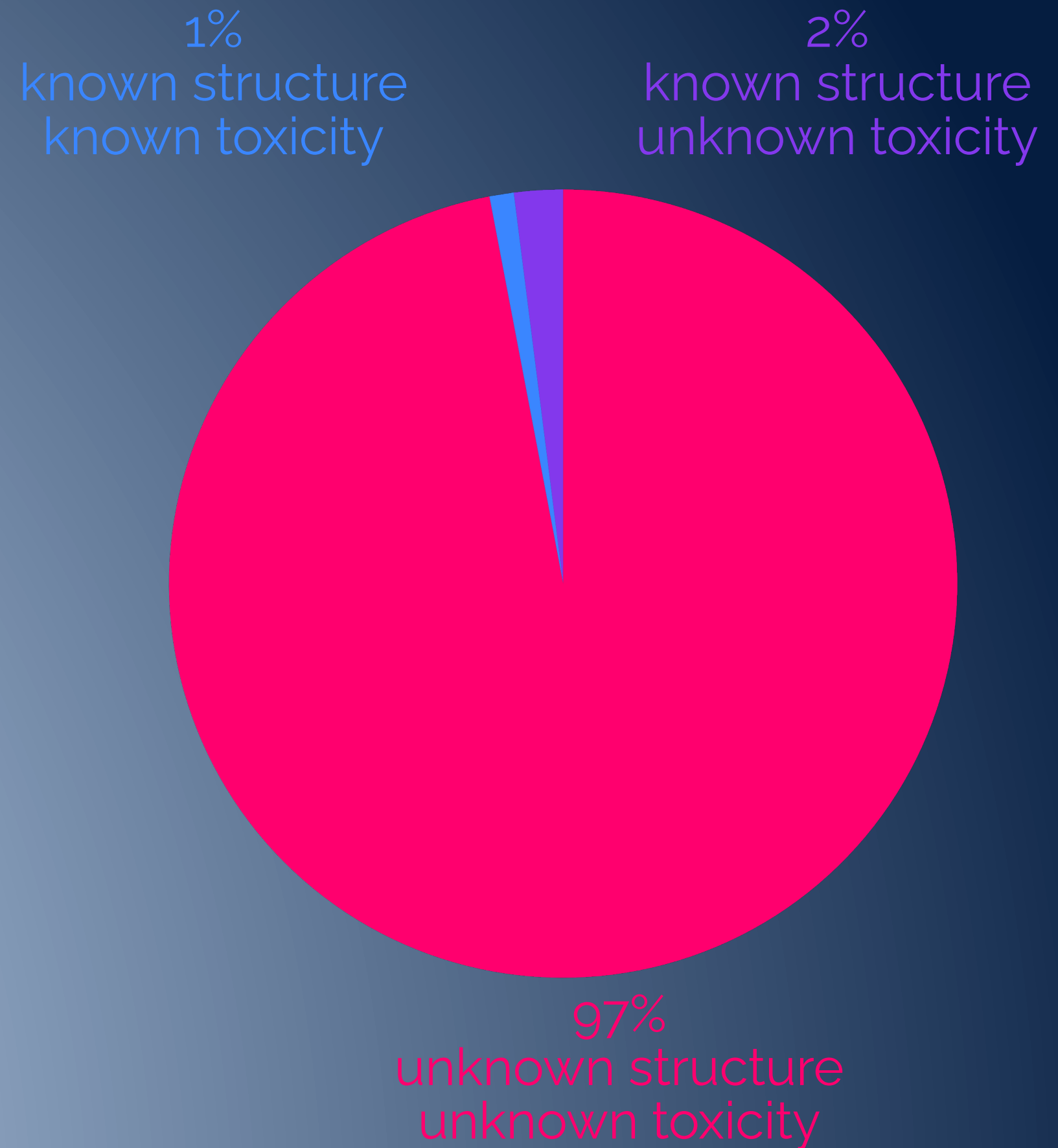


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unknown structure
unknown toxicity

toxicity assessment

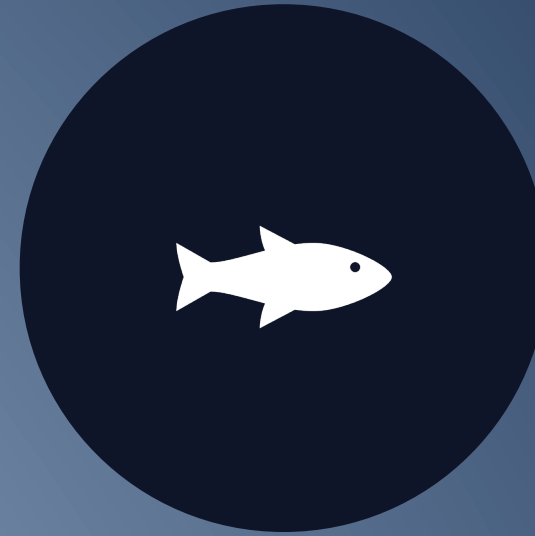
vast majority of detected
chemicals remain unknown



predicting toxicity

of detected chemicals

endpoints



ECOTOXICITY

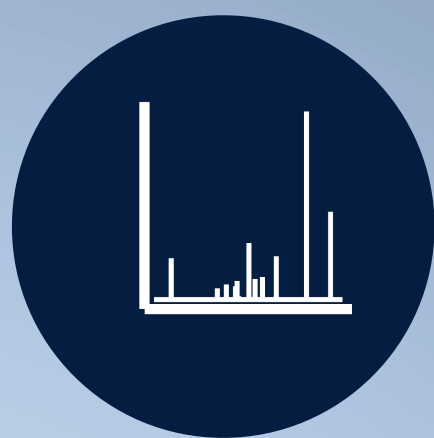
fathead minnow, bluegill,
and rainbow trout



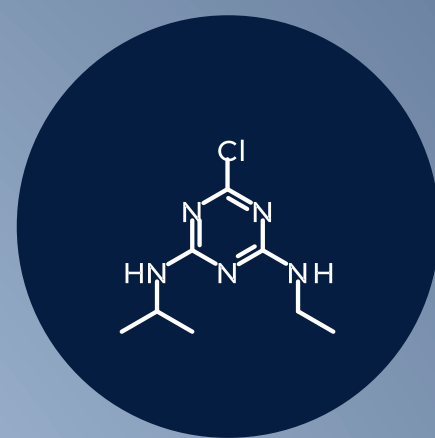
ENDOCRINE DISRUPTION

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

workflow



MS² spectra



structure as SMILES

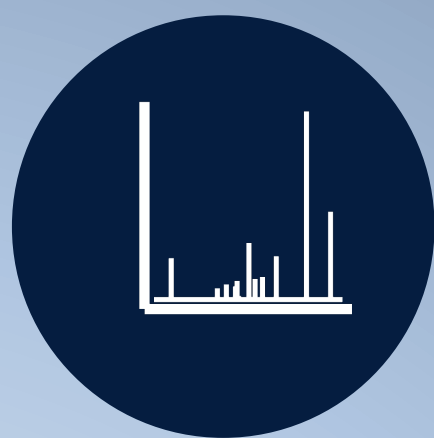


molecular descriptors



toxicity prediction

workflow



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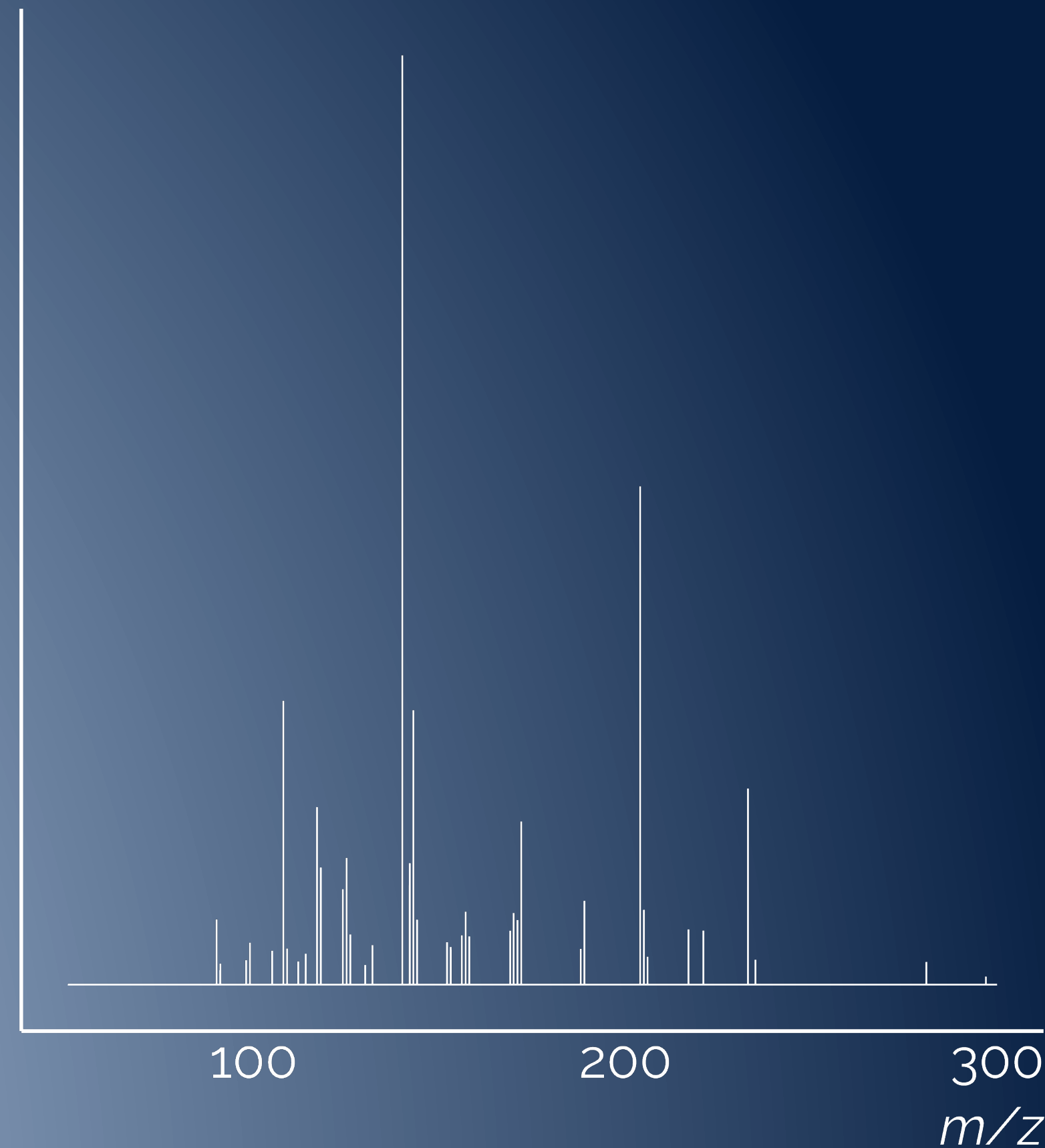
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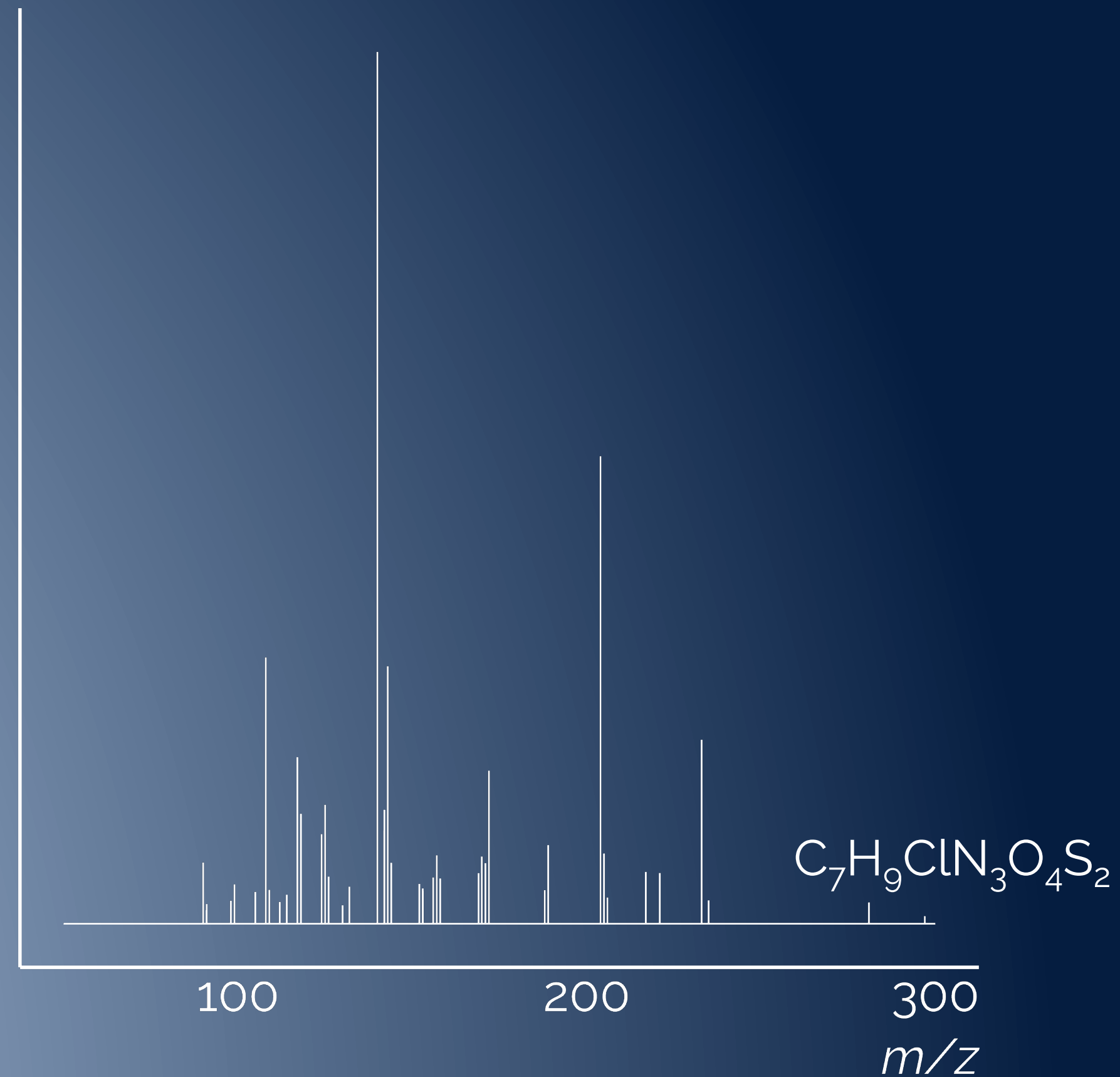
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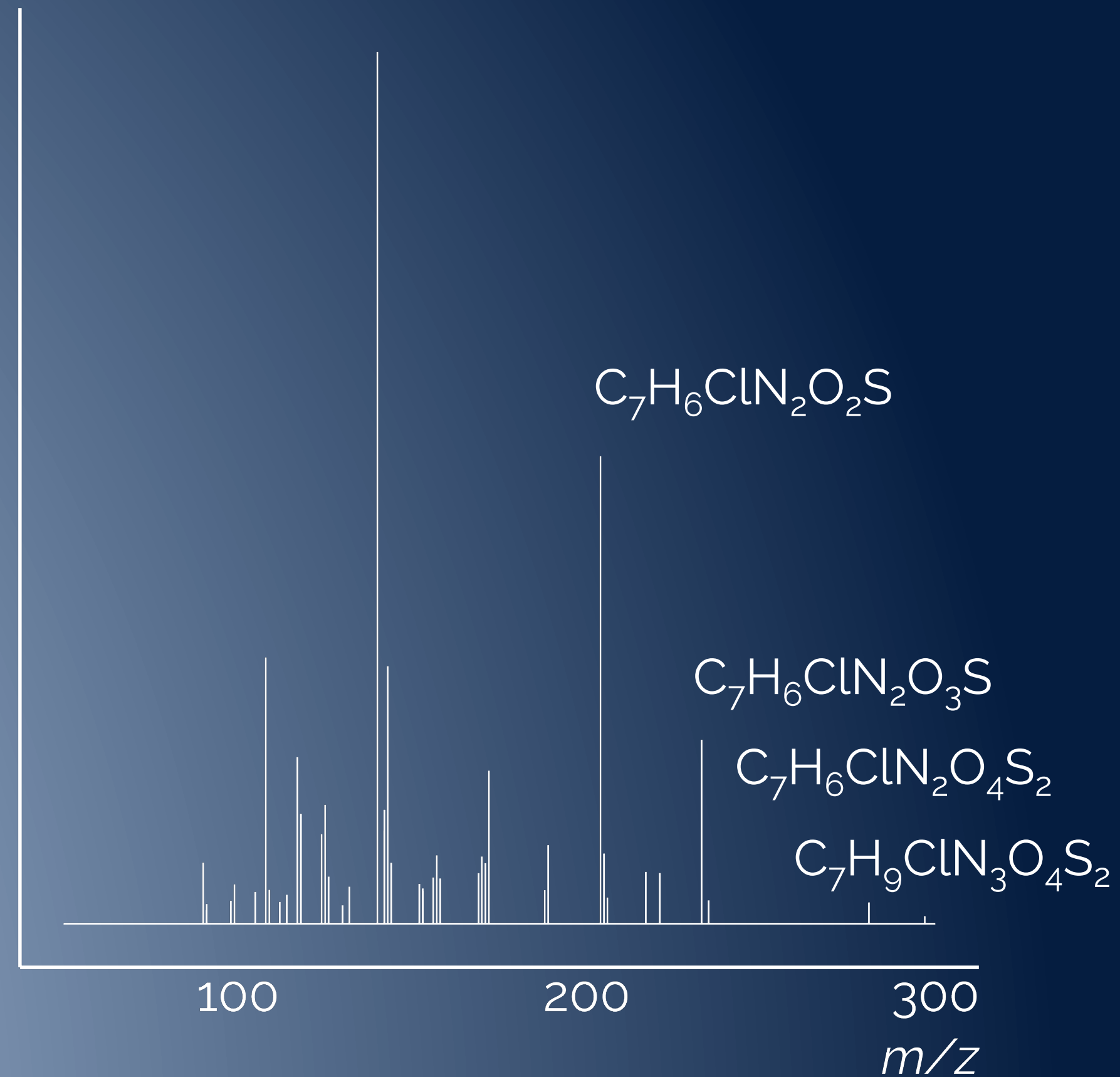
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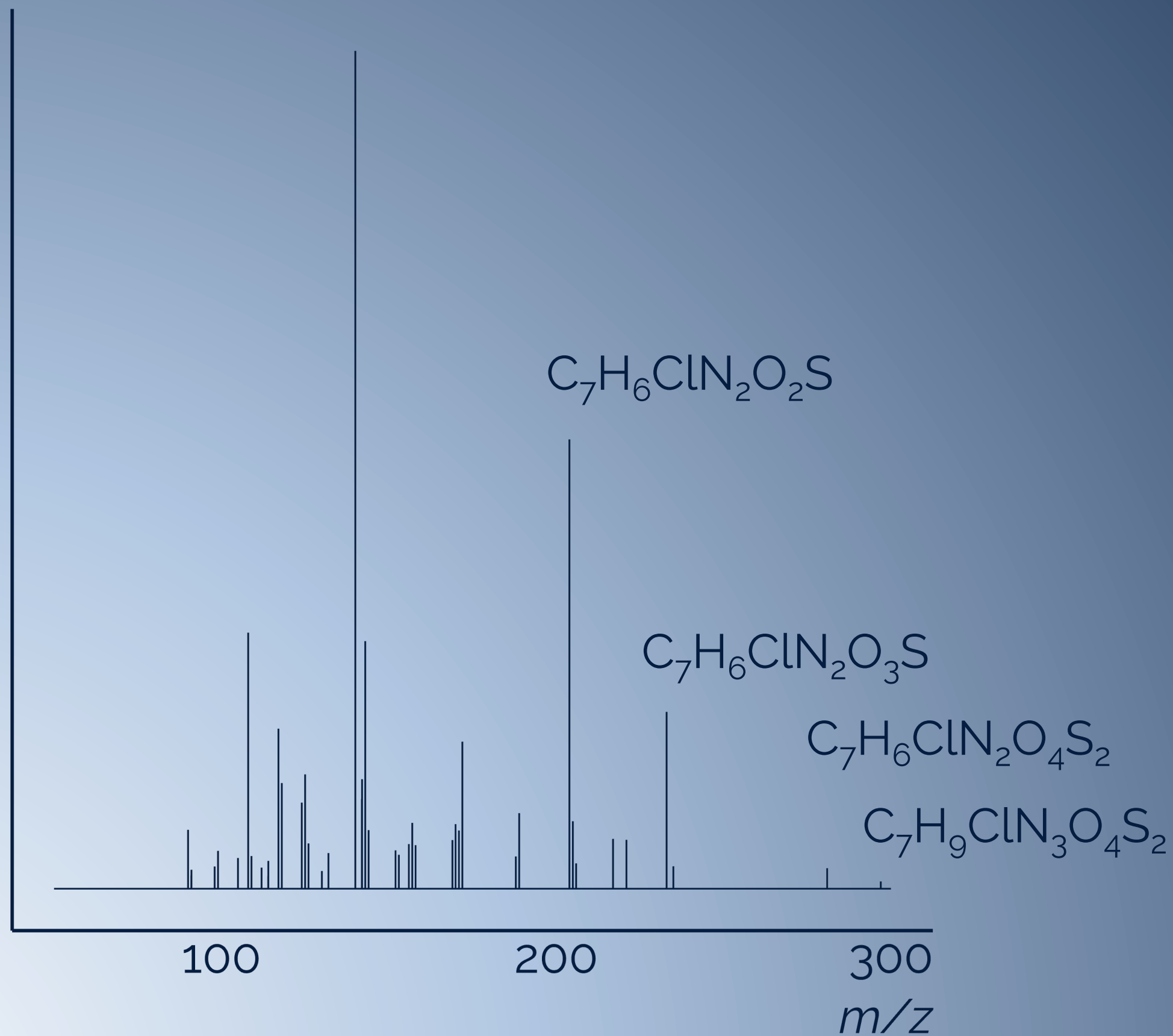
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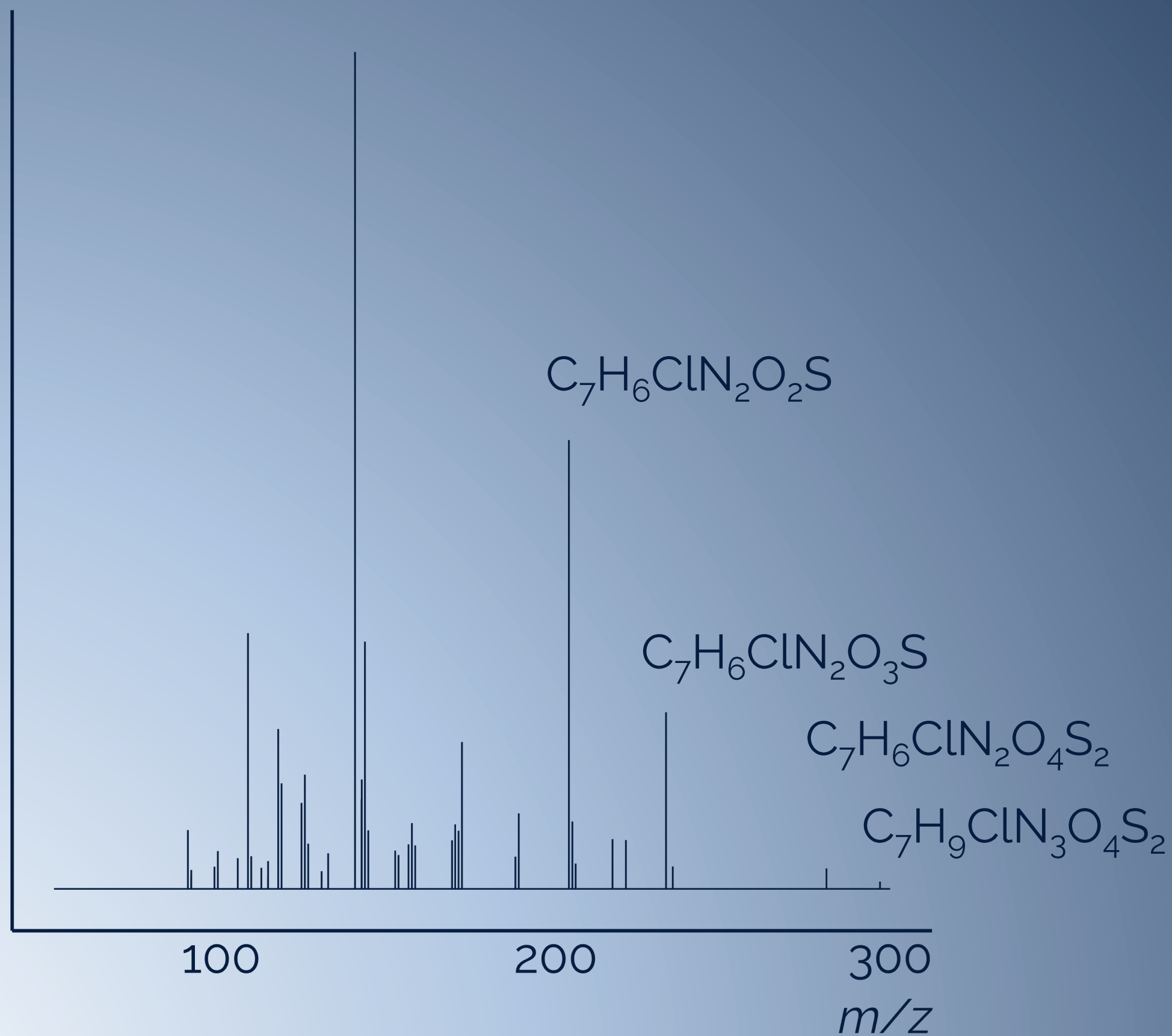
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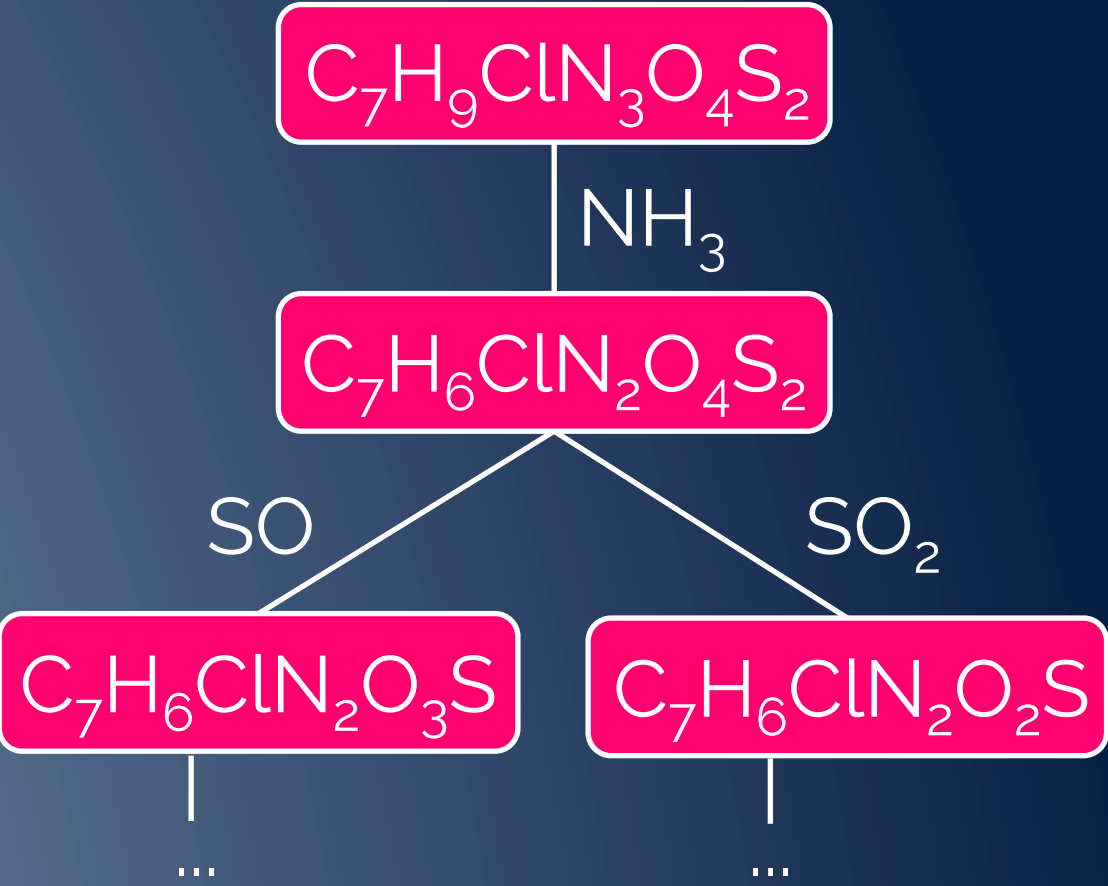
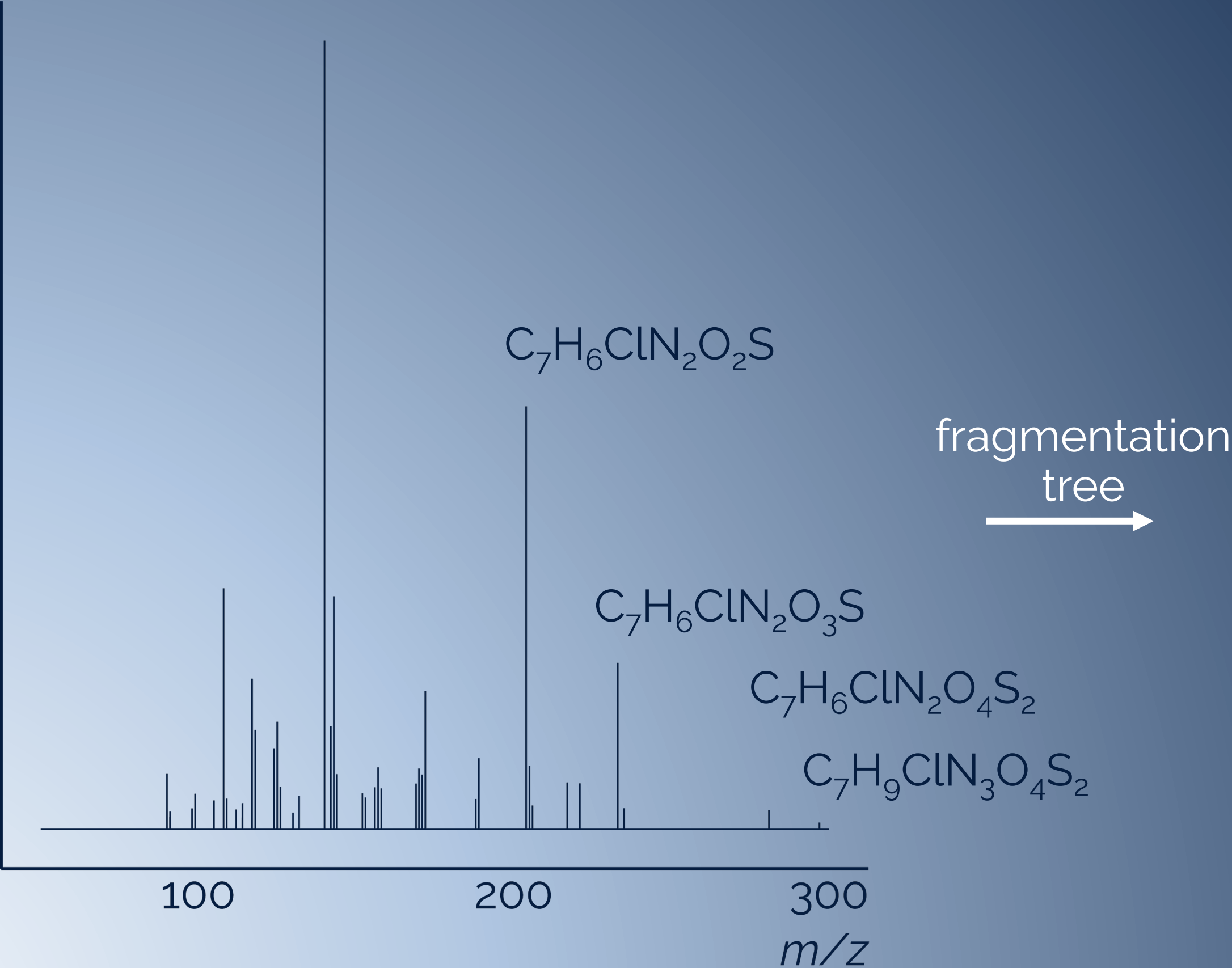
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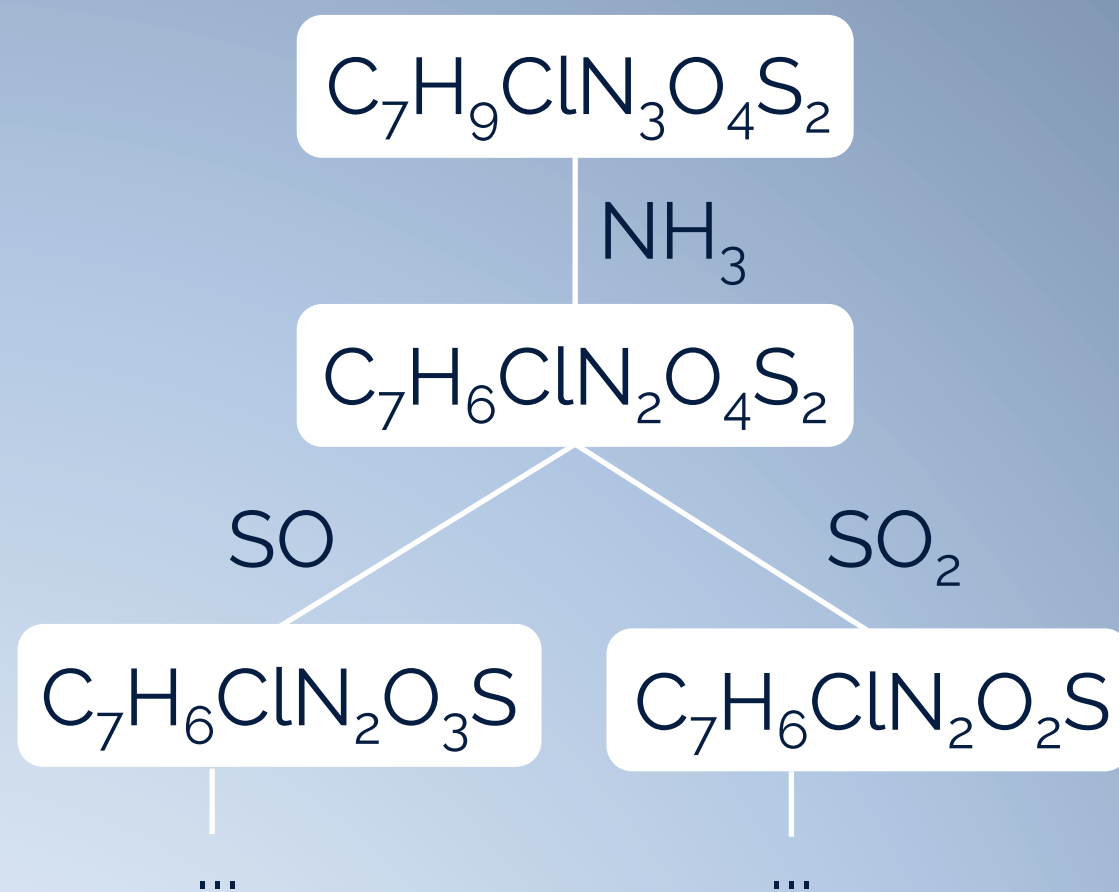


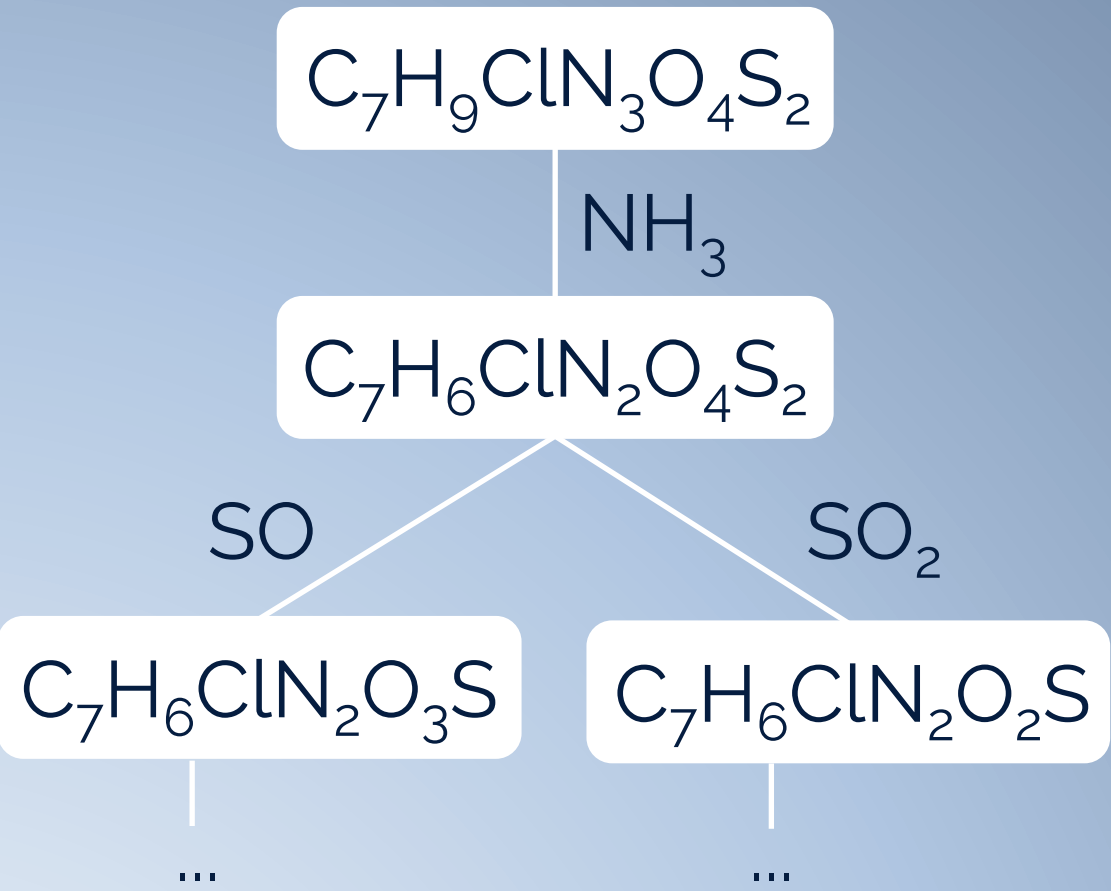
predict toxicity

for unknown chemicals



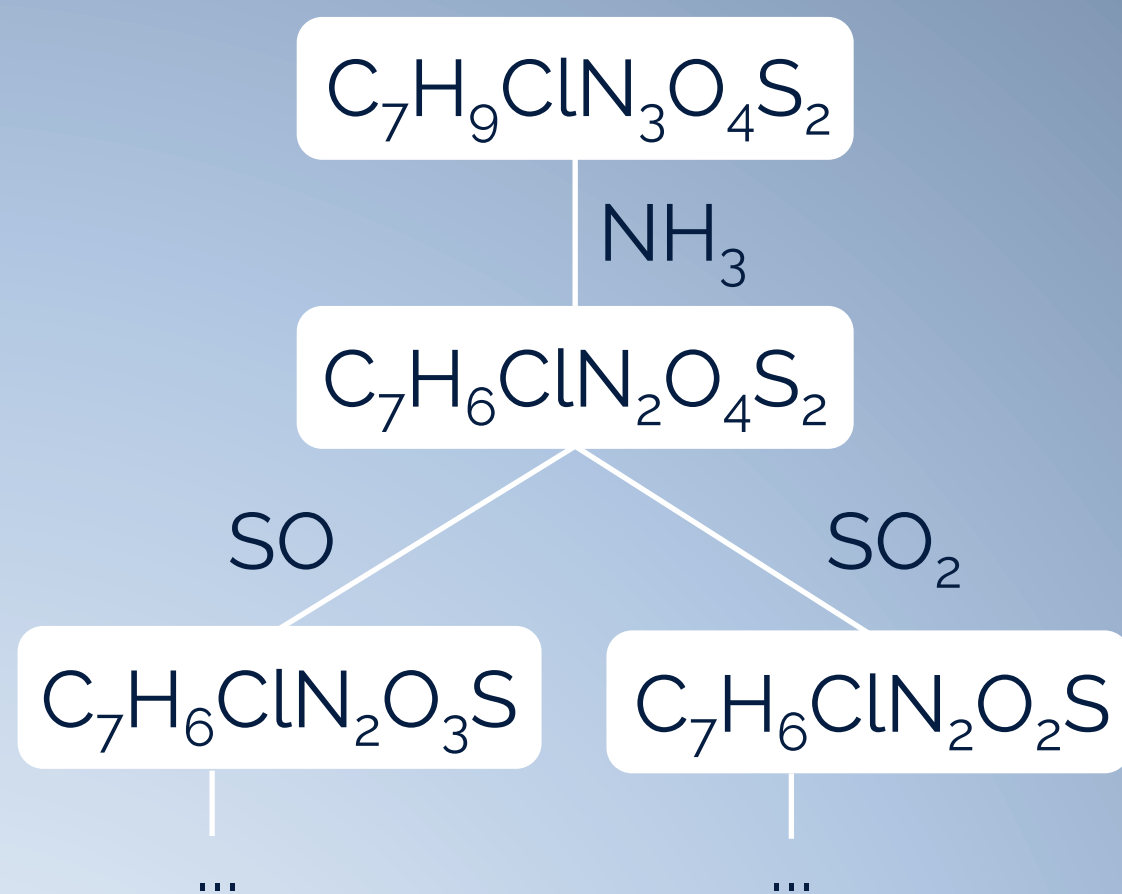






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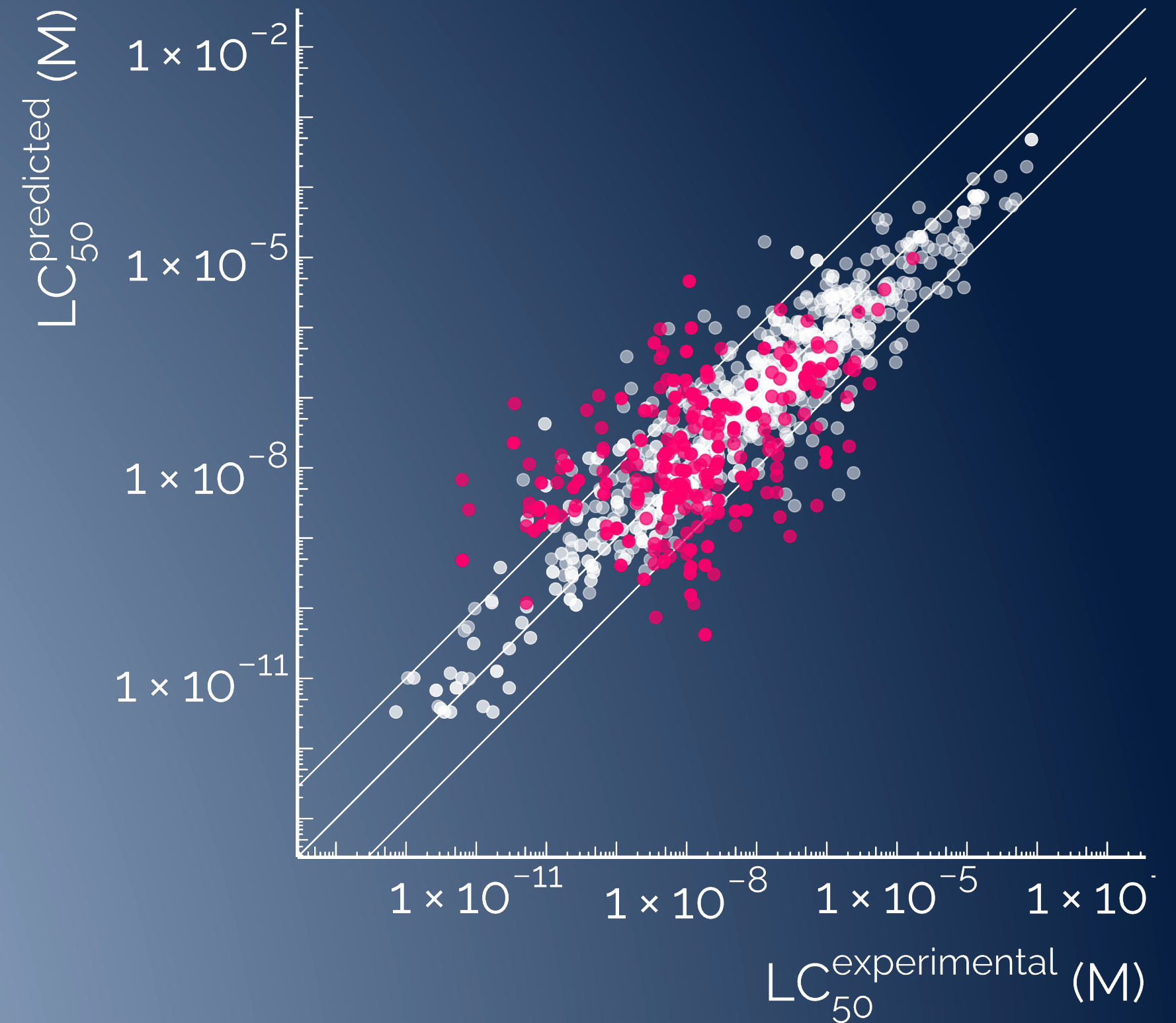
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0.83

LC_{50} predictions

Peets et al. ES&T 2022
fish LC_{50}



validation on MassBank

$RMSE_{\text{model}} 0.88 \log(M)$

$SD_{\text{experimental}} 0.44 \log(M)$

endocrine disruption

Rahu et al. JCIM 2024
Tox21 endpoints

endocrine disruption

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prediction	active		
	non-active		

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which is more dramatic:
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FPR @ TPR = 0.9

endocrine disruption

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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 chemicals

case study: interlaboratory comparison



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in the environment



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ANALYTICA

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COc1cc(Cc2cc(Cl)cc(Cl)c2)cc(Cl)c1 + NC(=O)OP(=O)(O)O → ?

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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

238

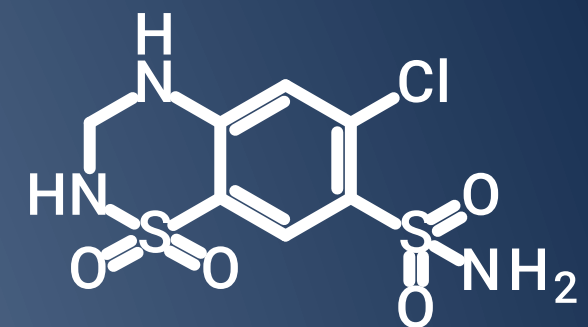
features with MS² spectra

55

features predicted active

AhR active

hydrochlorothiazide



alternative approaches

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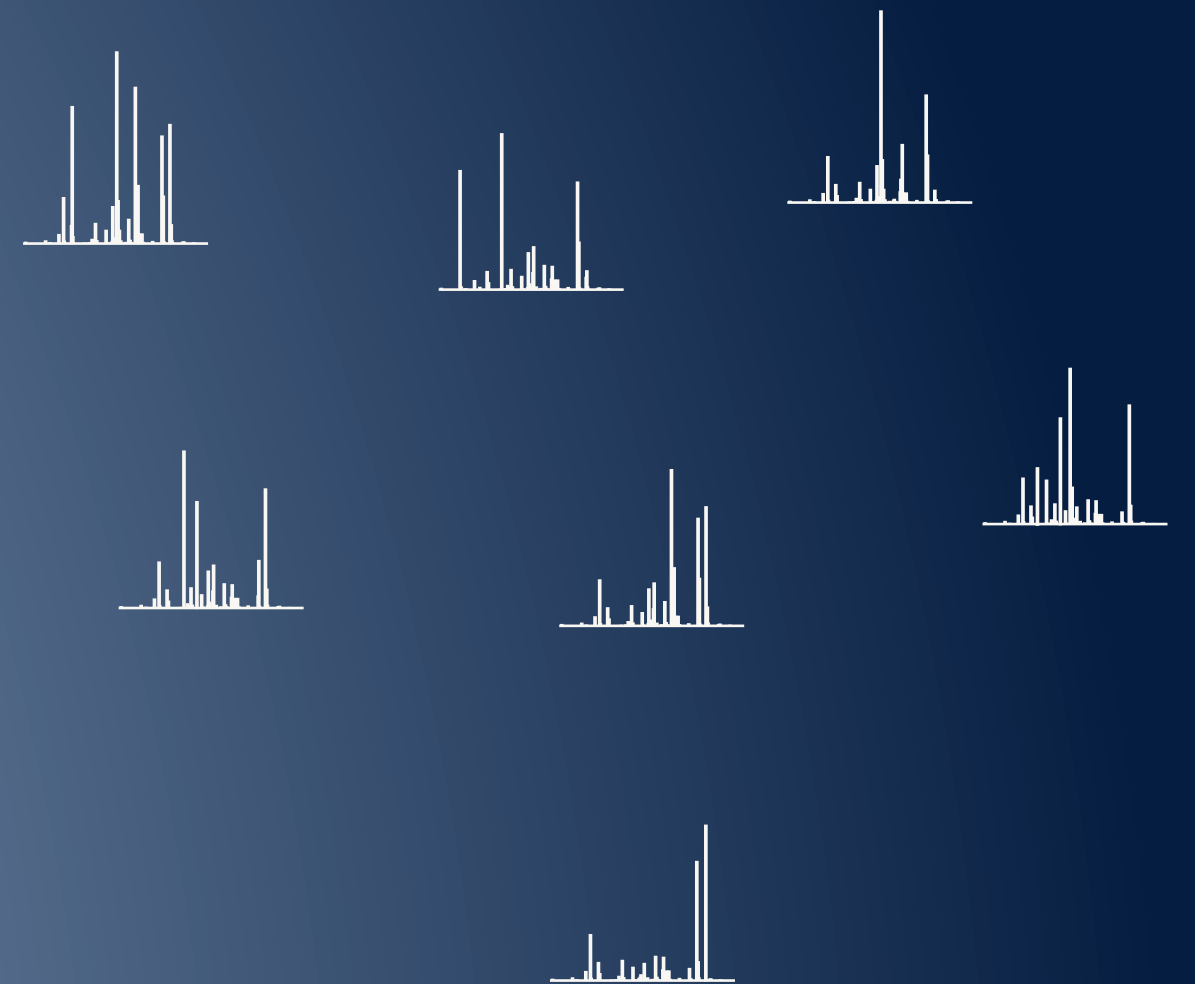
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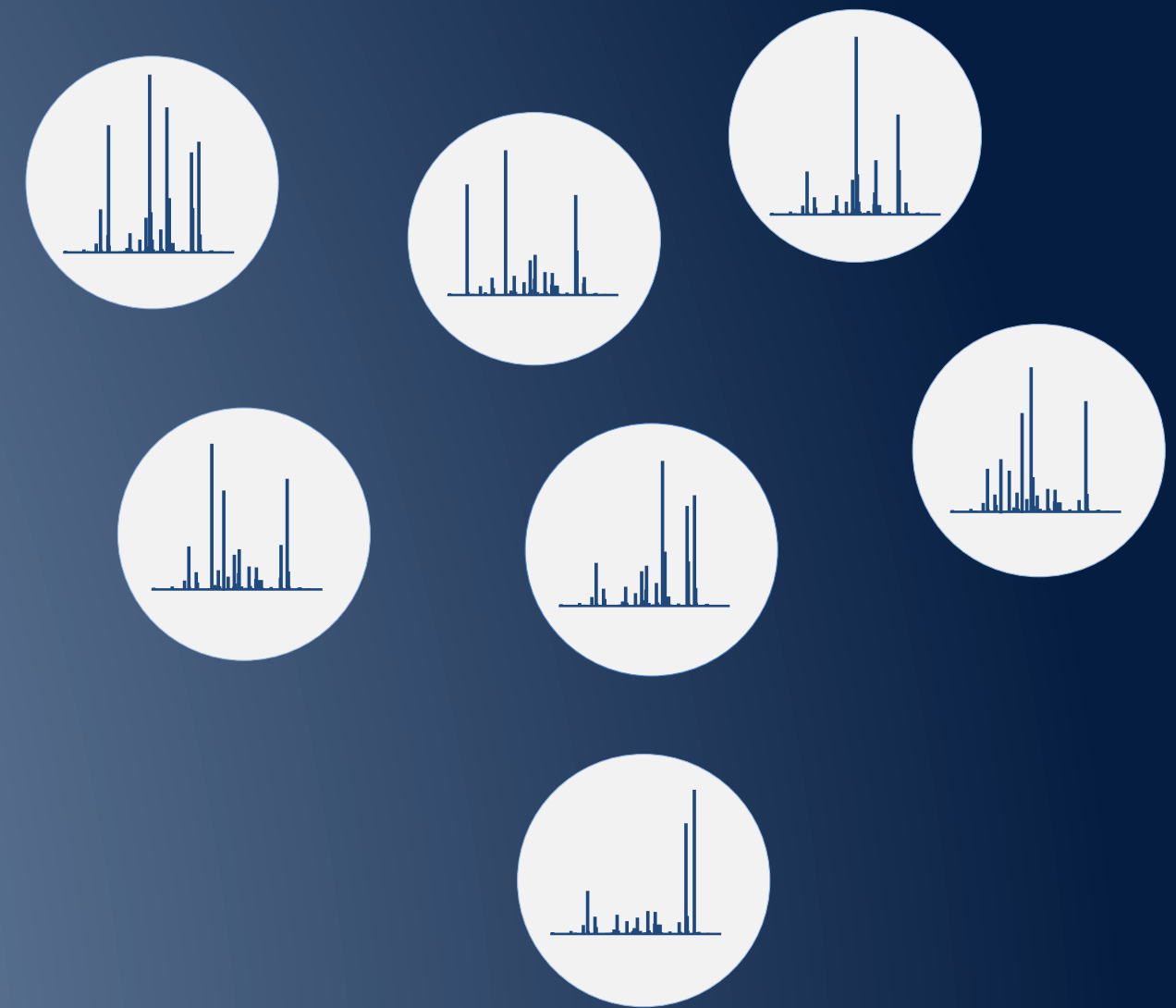
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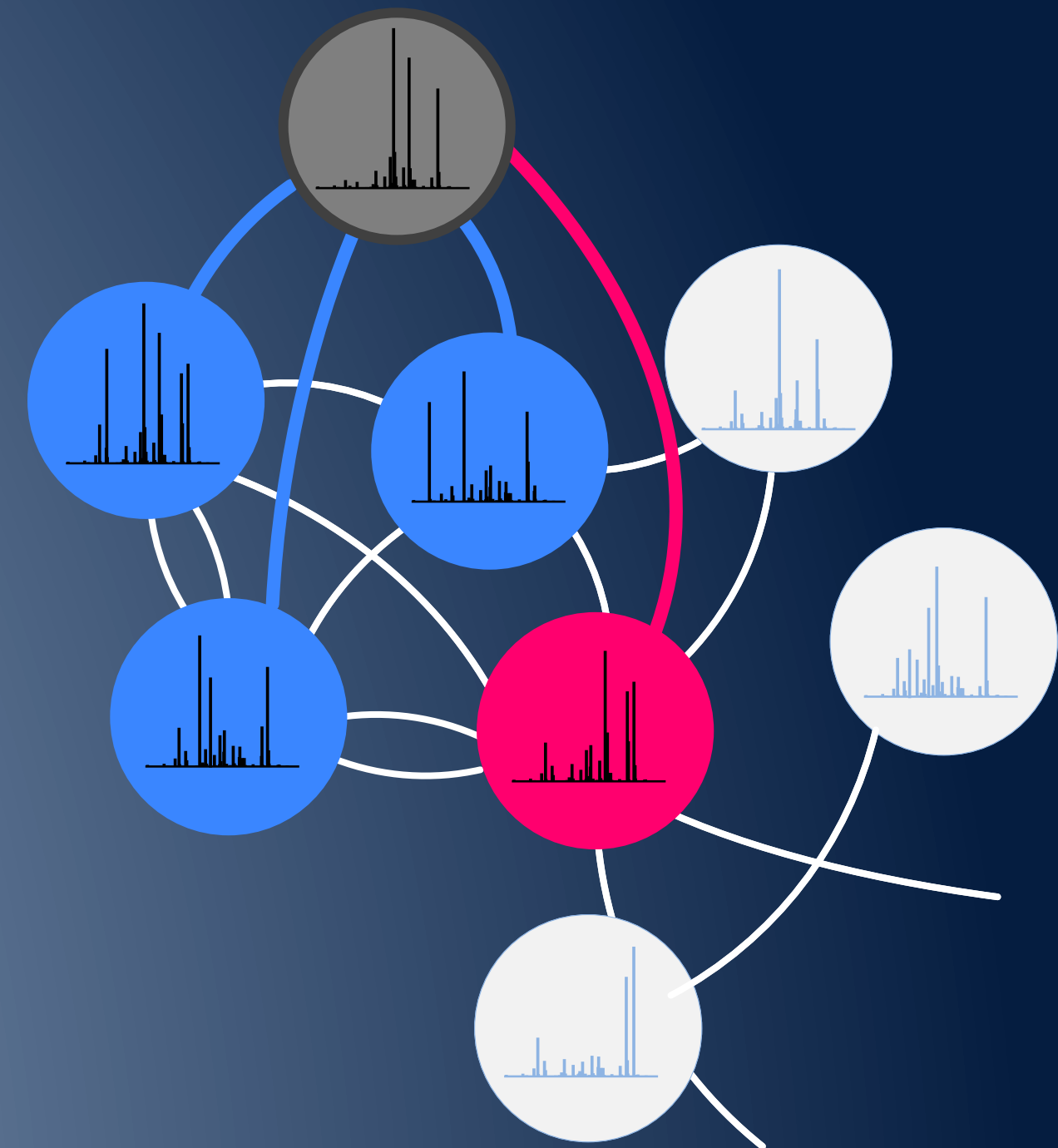
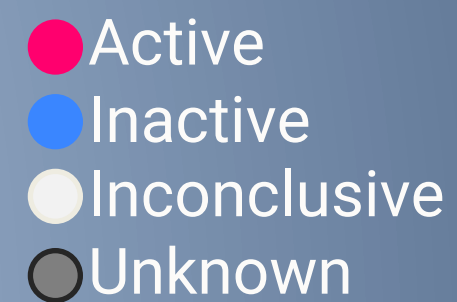
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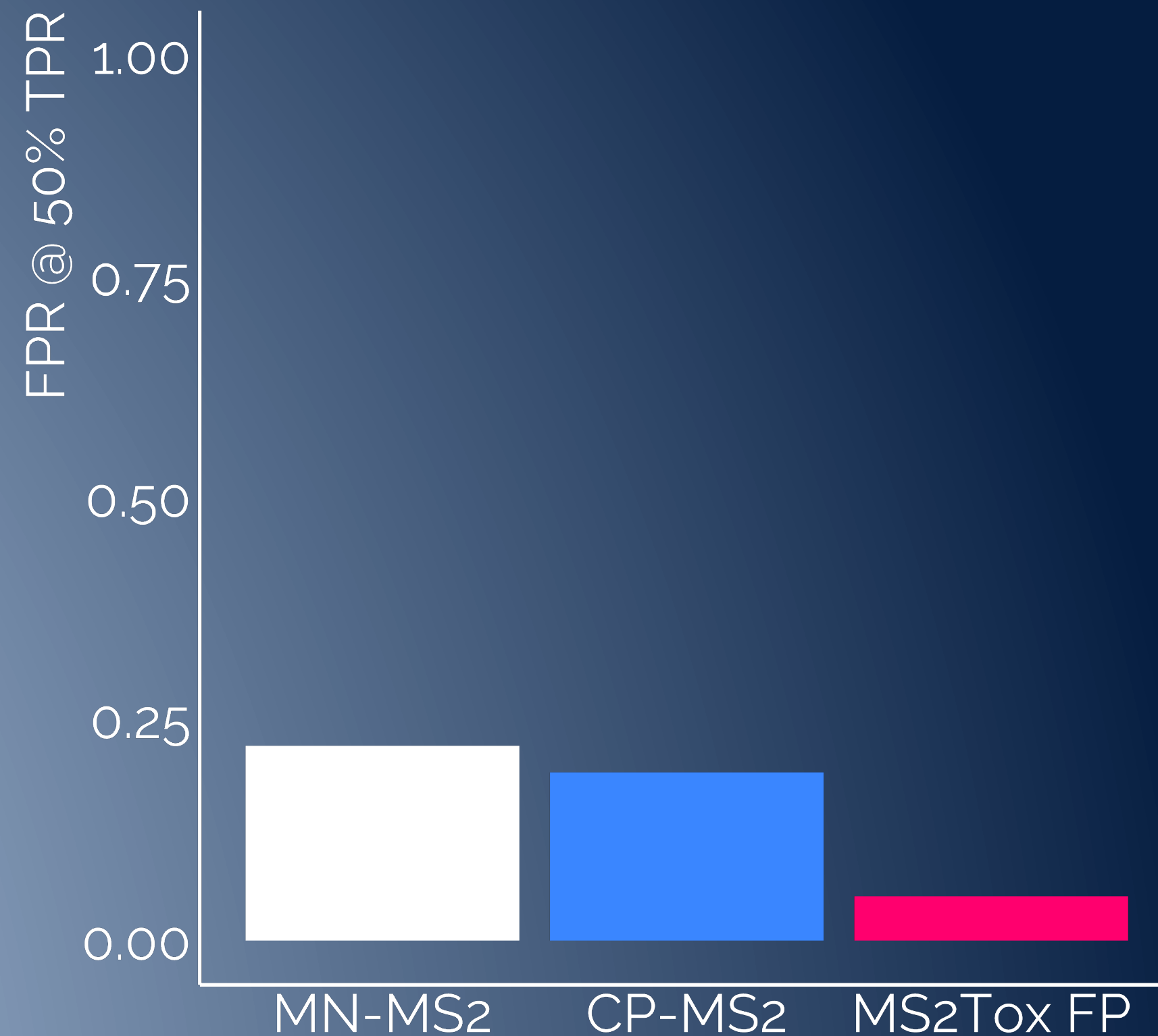
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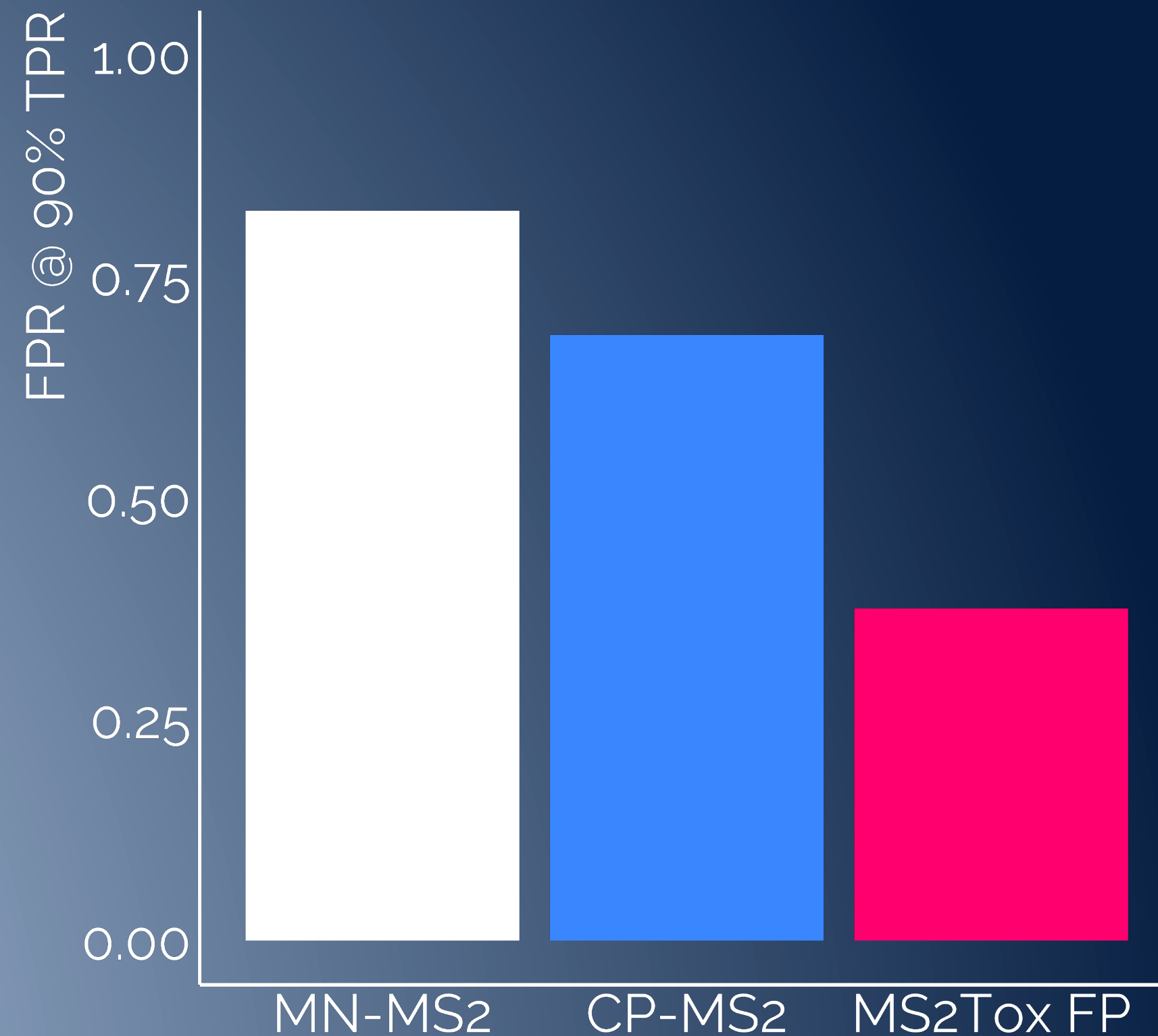
AhR activity predictions

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application:
wastewater analyses

LC/HRMS features

986 features

LC/HRMS features

986 features
136 persistent

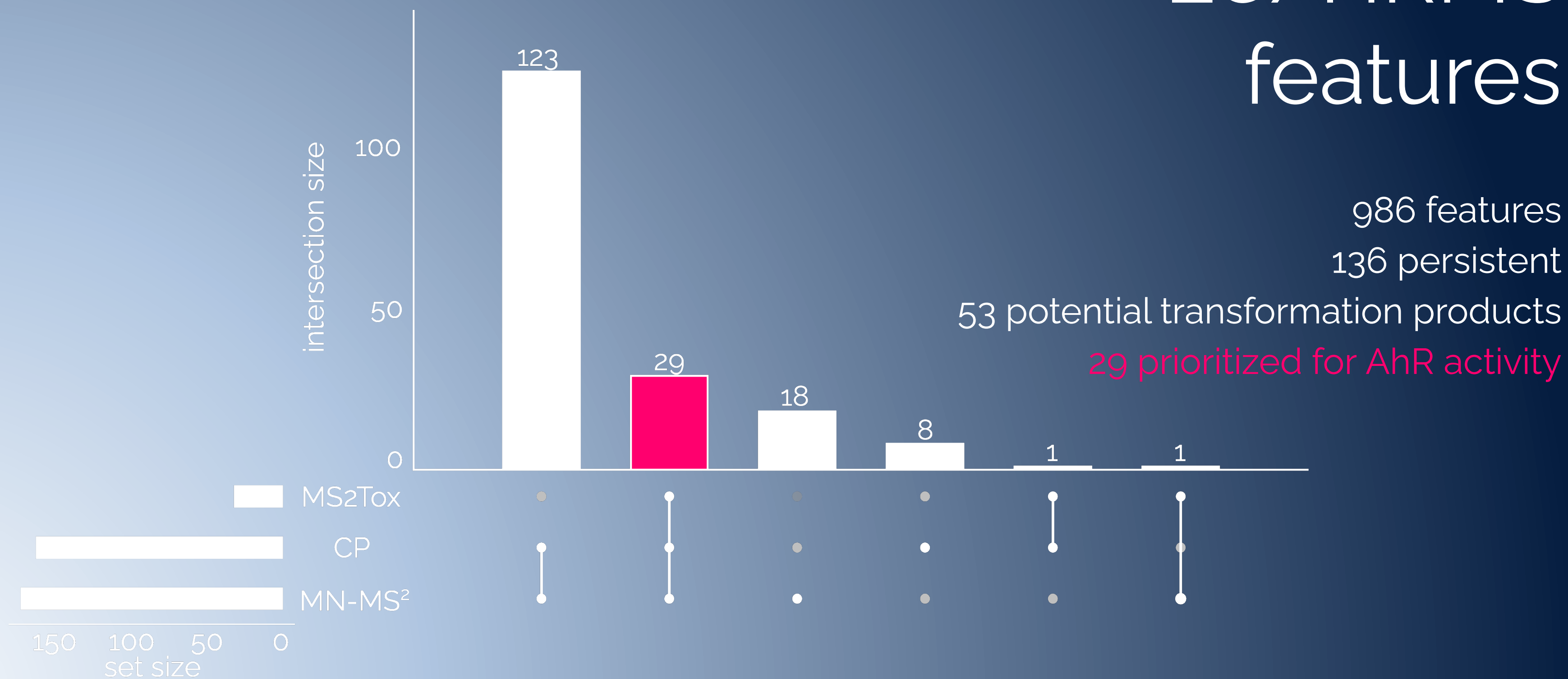
LC/HRMS features

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136 persistent

53 potential transformation products

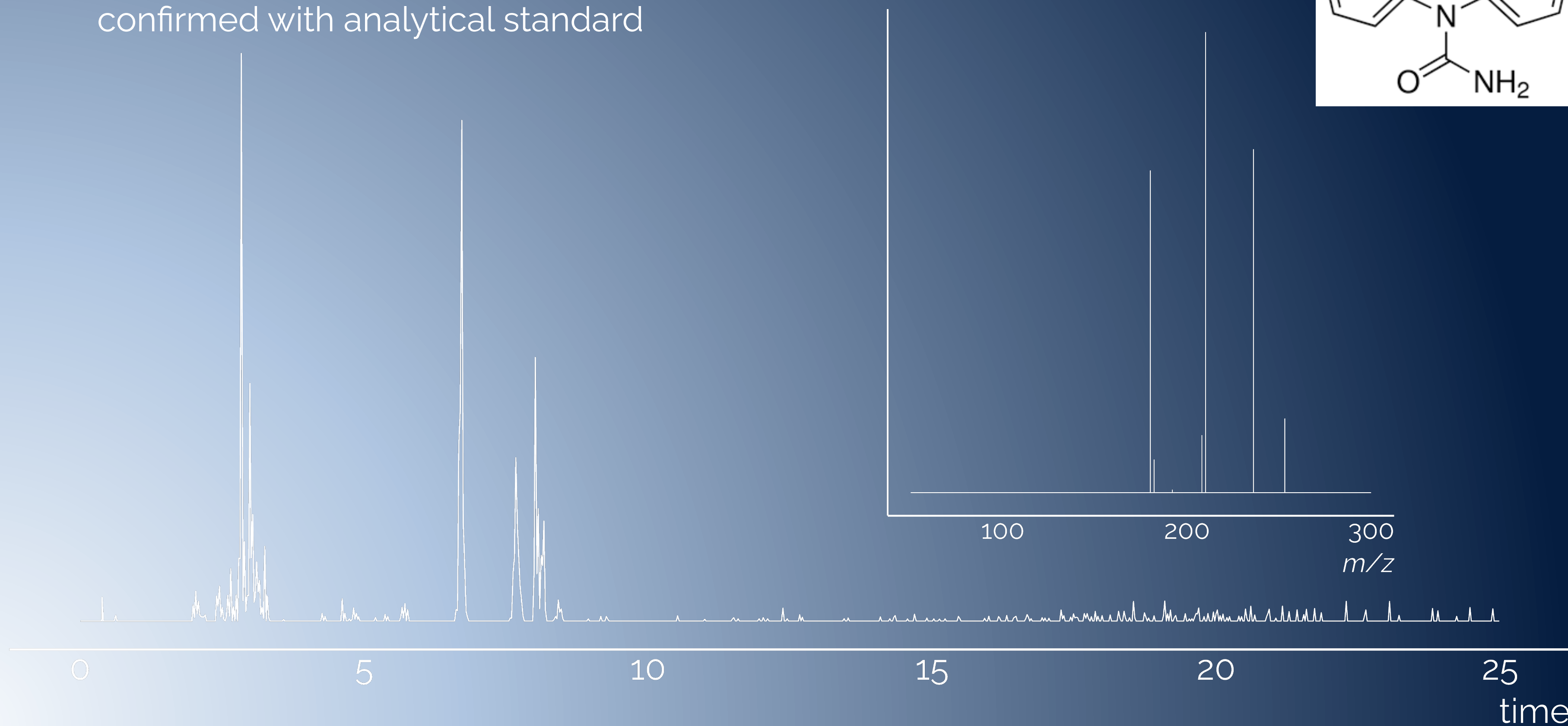
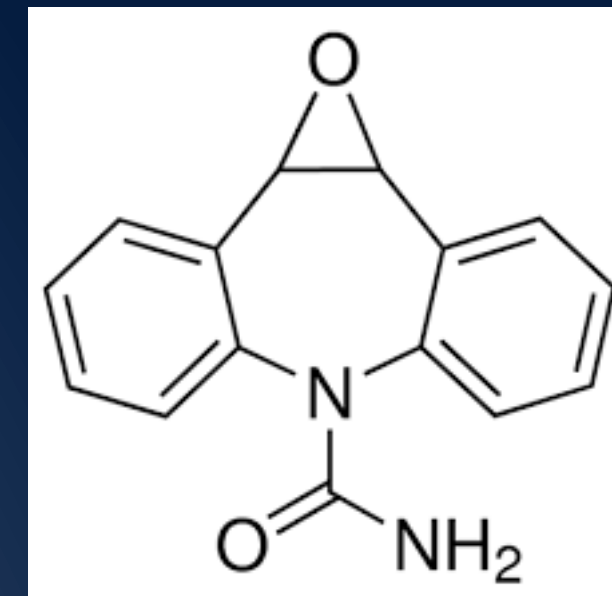
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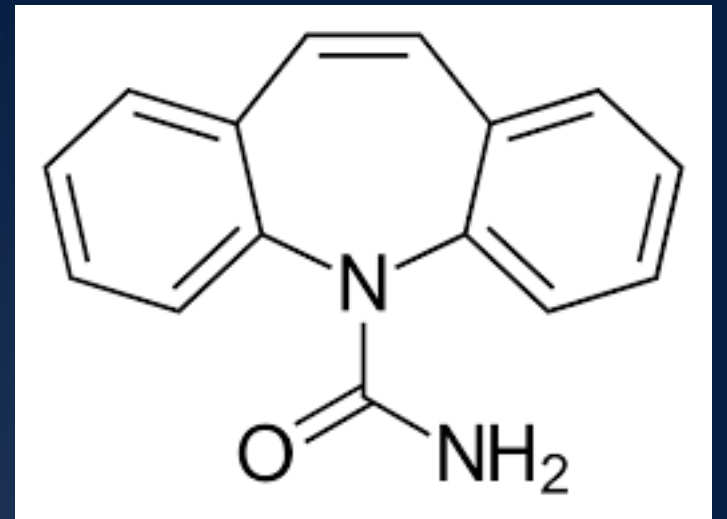
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RT 8.01 min m/z = 252.090

confirmed with analytical standard



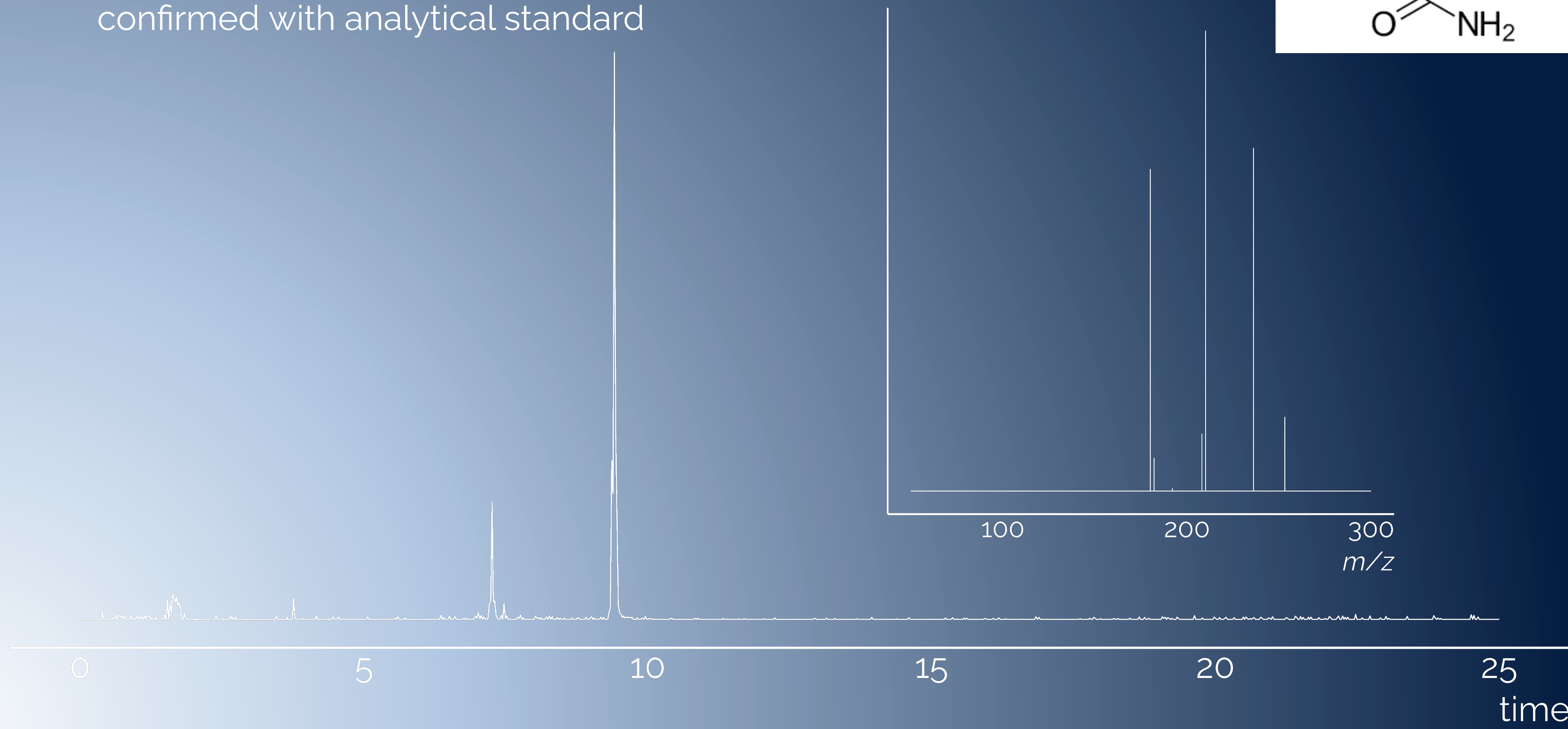
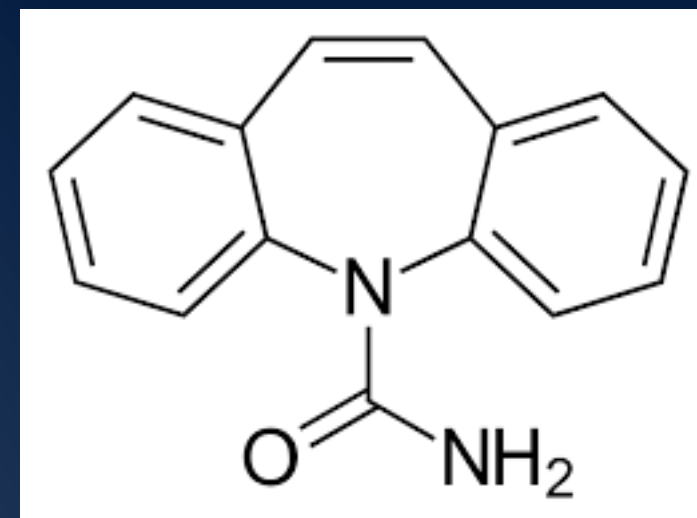
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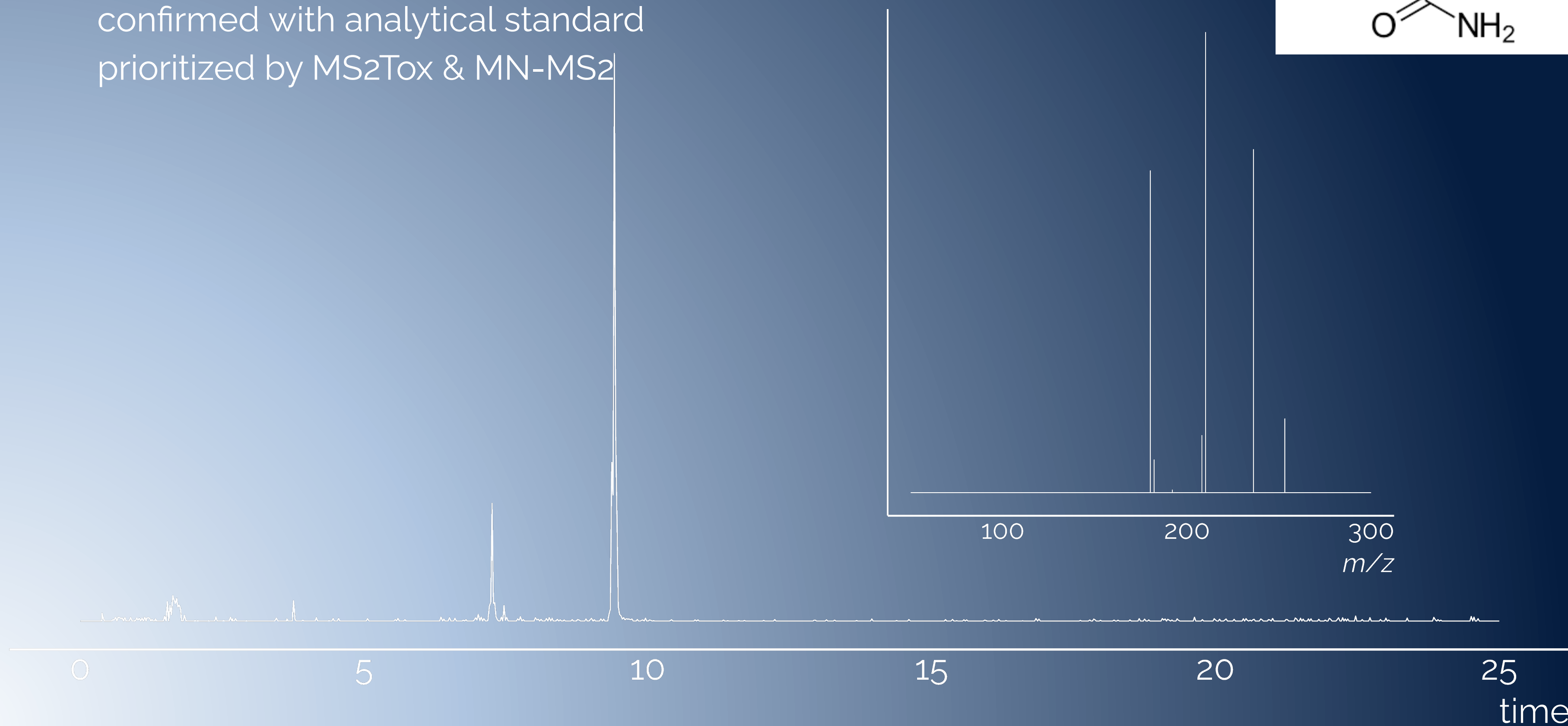
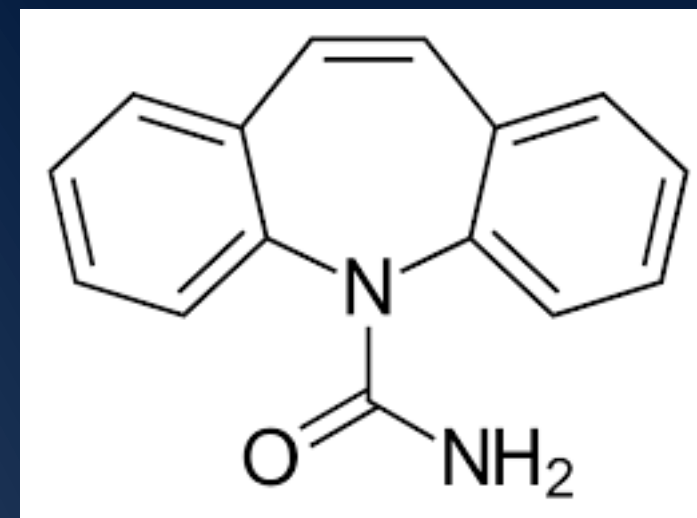
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prioritized by MS2Tox & MN-MS2



quantification

of detected chemicals

quantification in ESI/HRMS

Malm et al. Molecules 2021



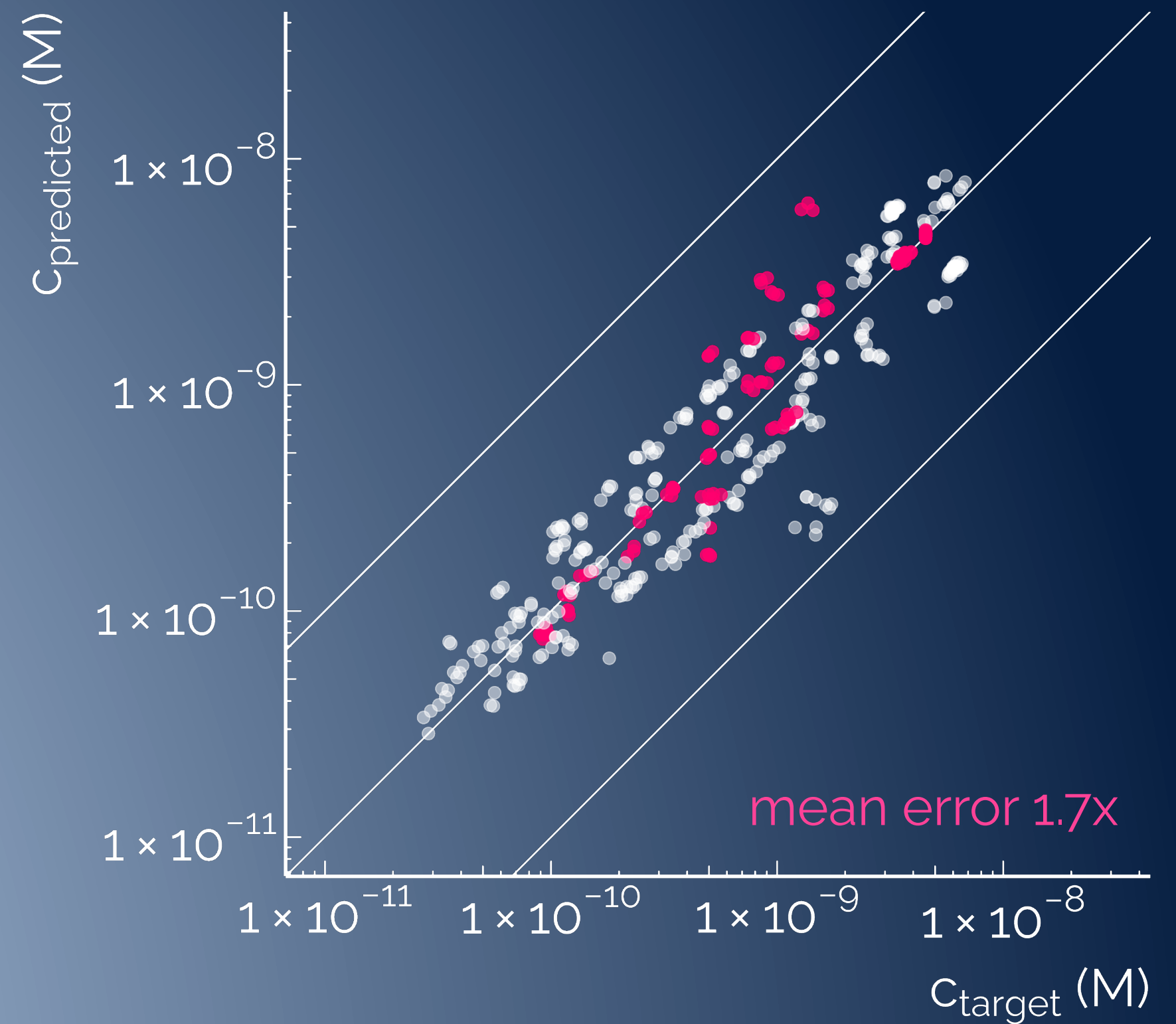
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quantification

from structure

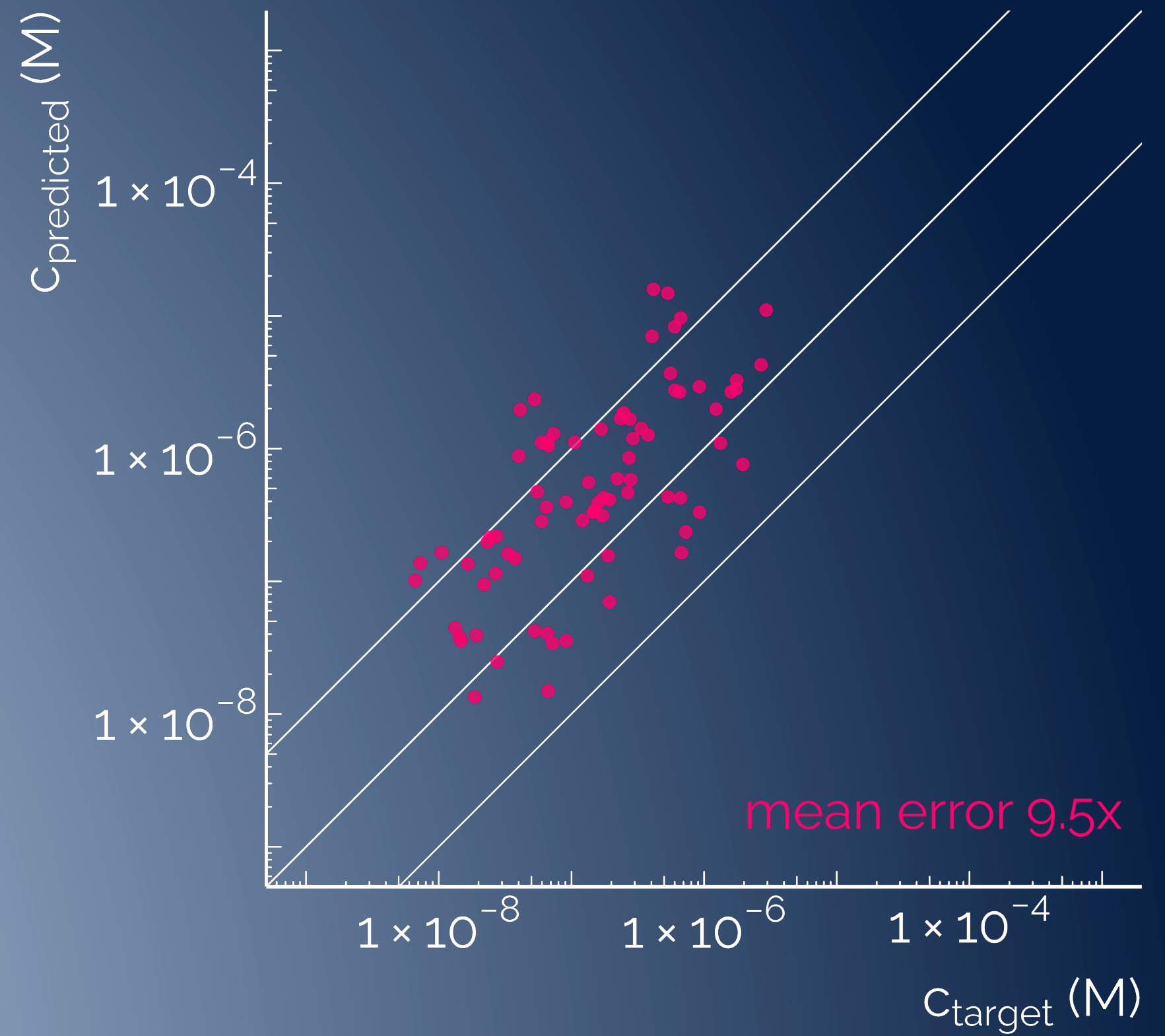
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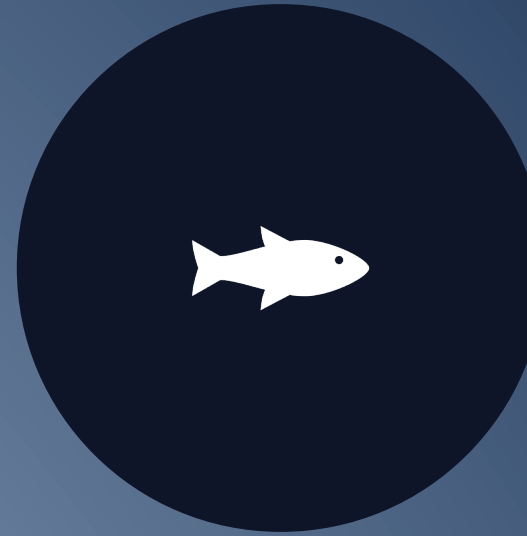
quantification

from MS² spectra

Sepman et al. Anal Chem 2023



prioritization of chemicals



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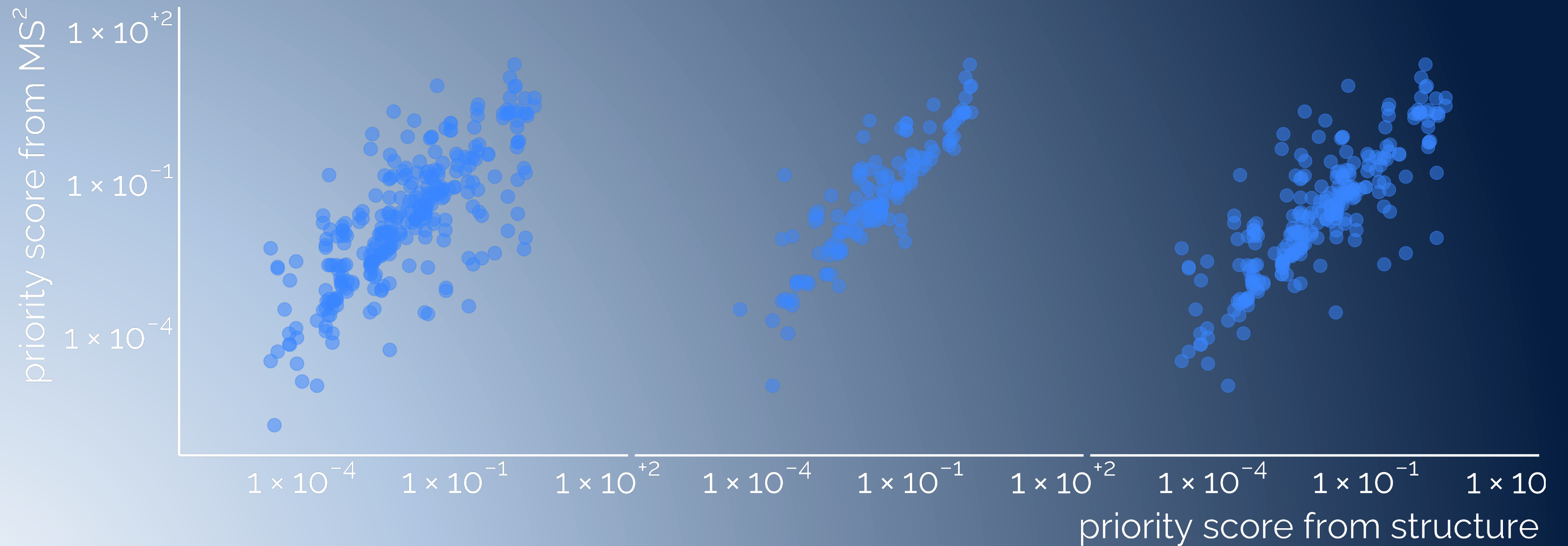


RISK

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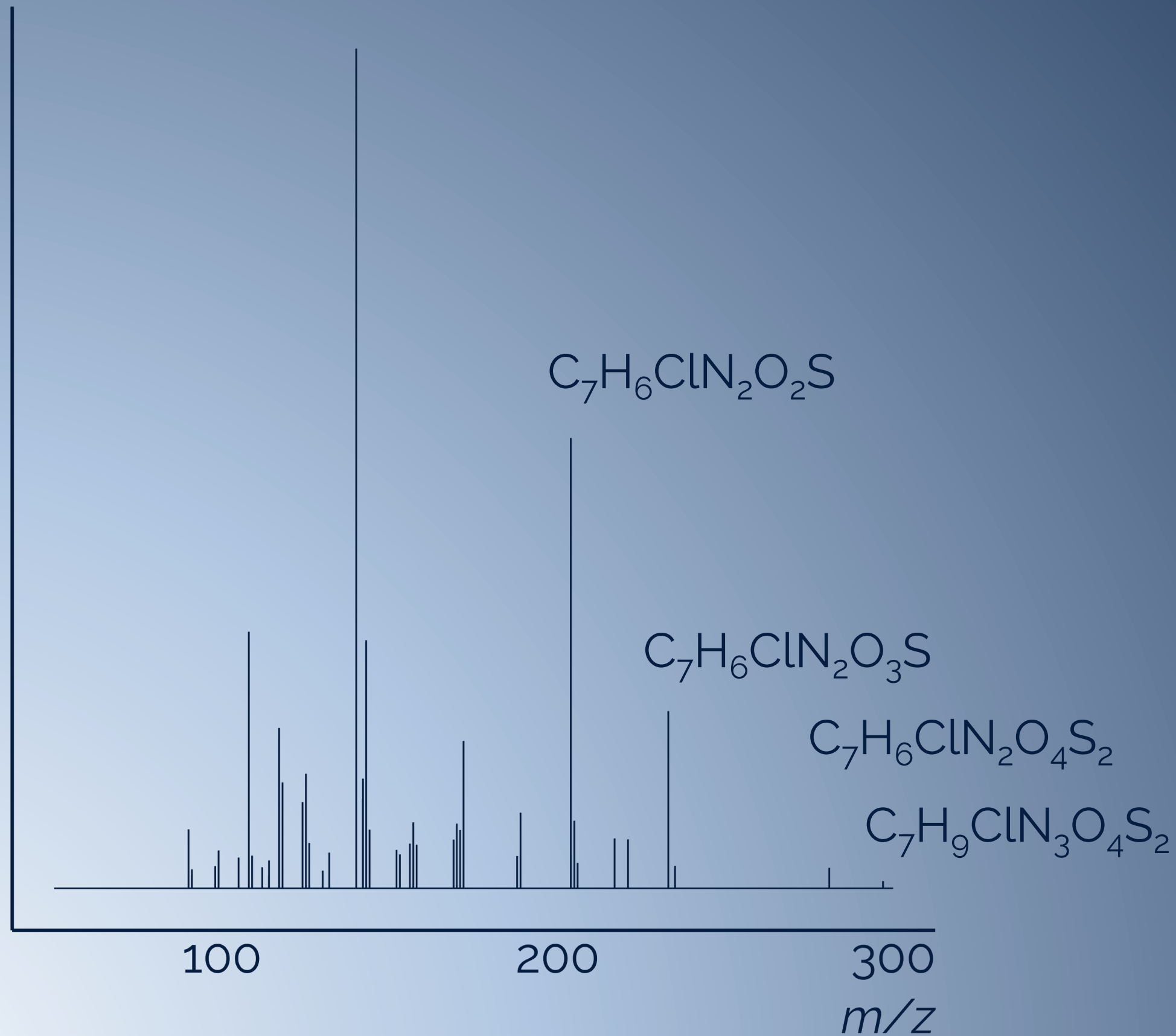


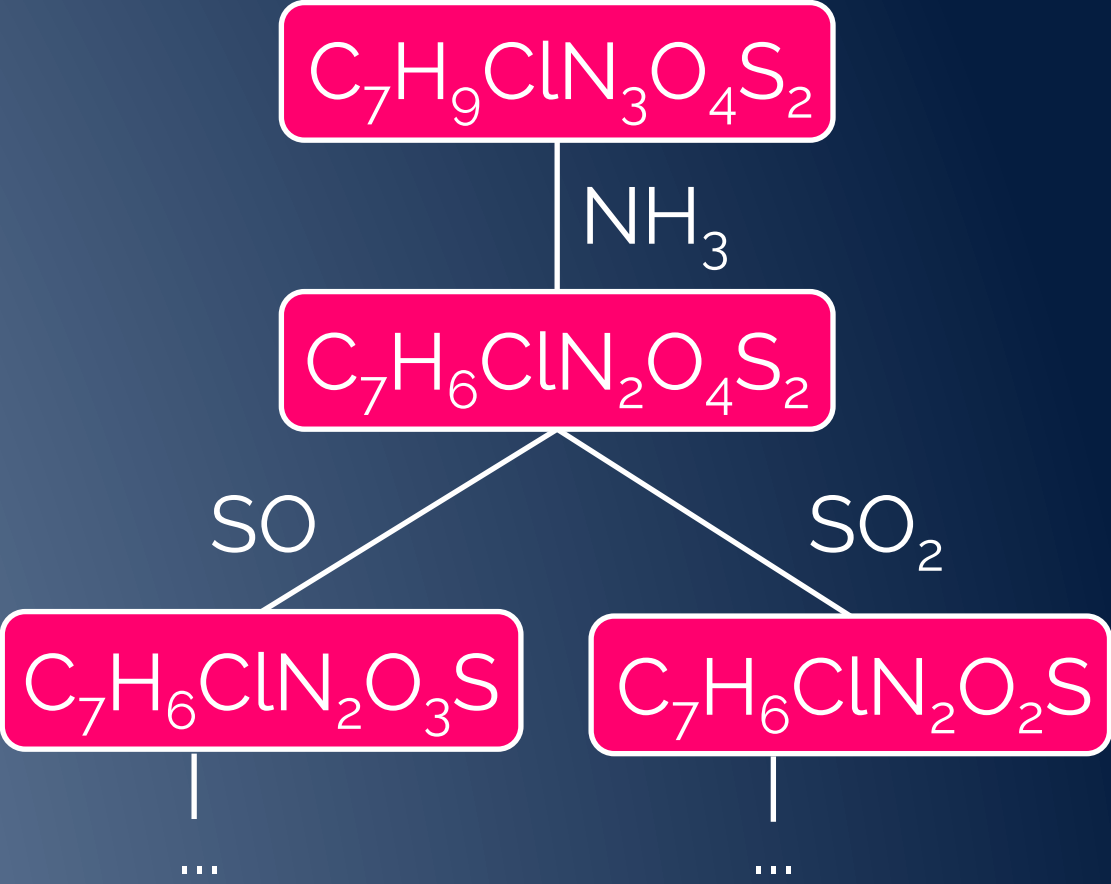
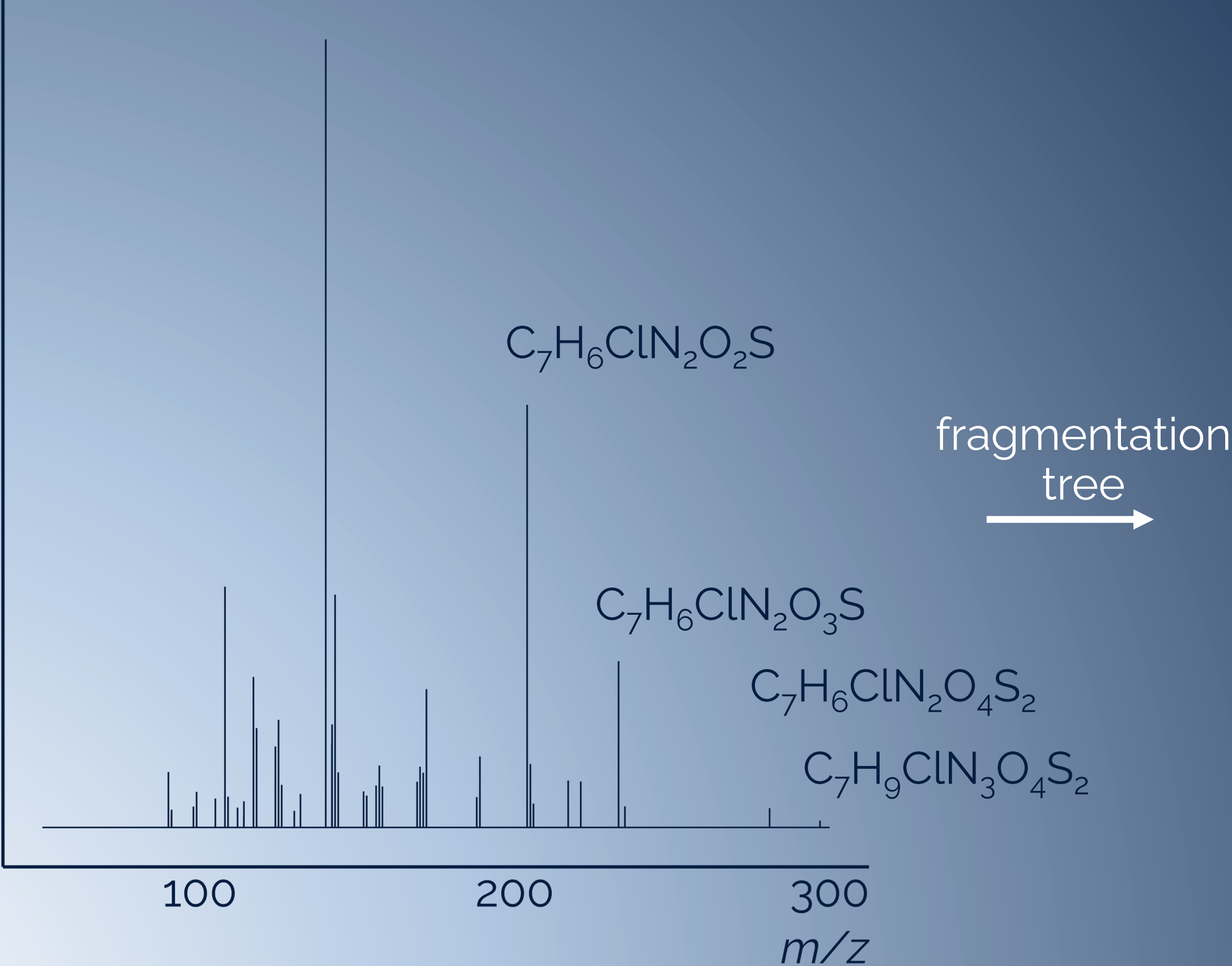
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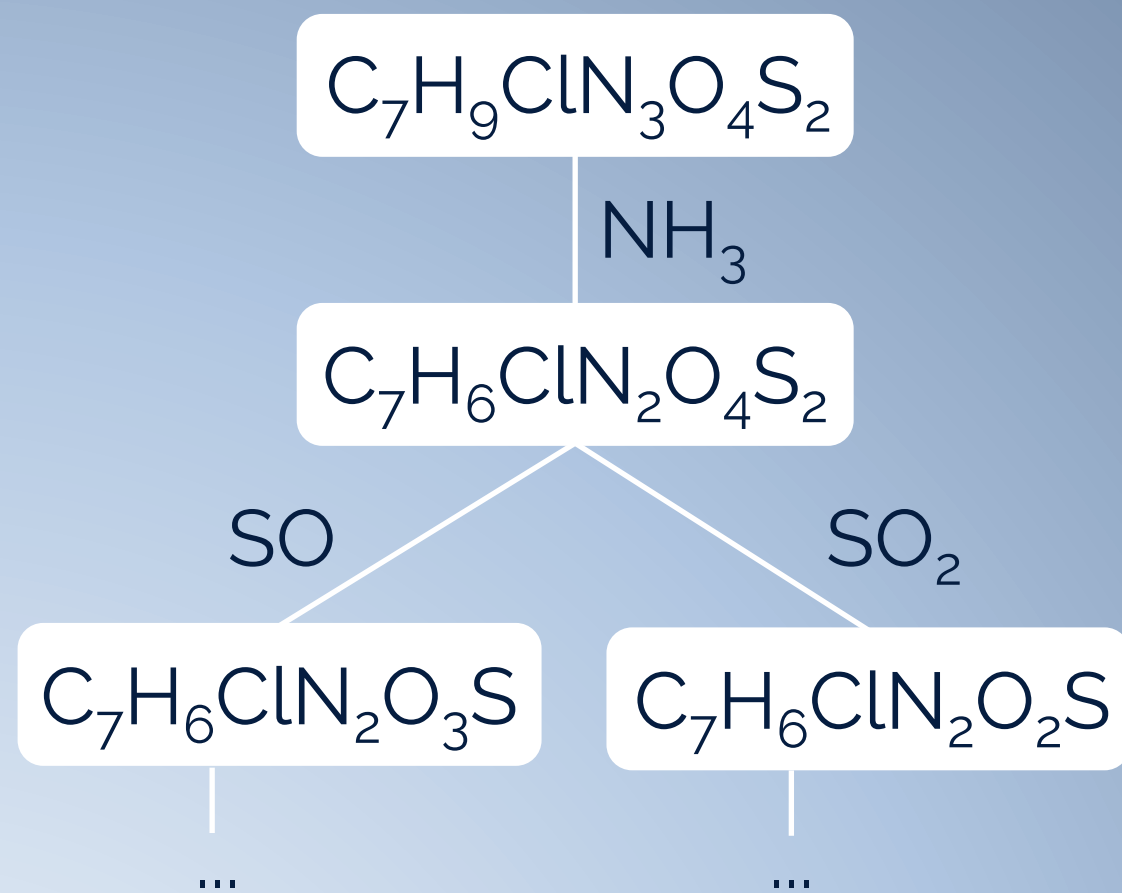
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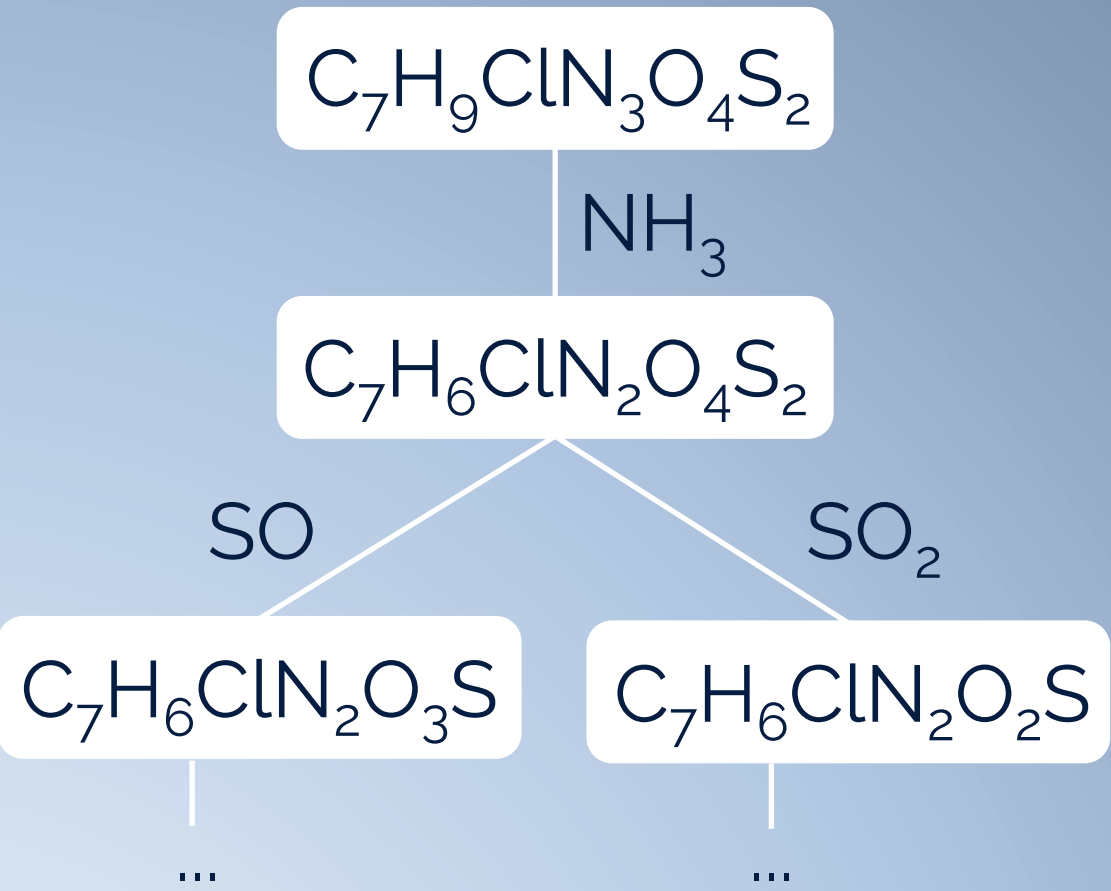
structural identification

from MS² spectra



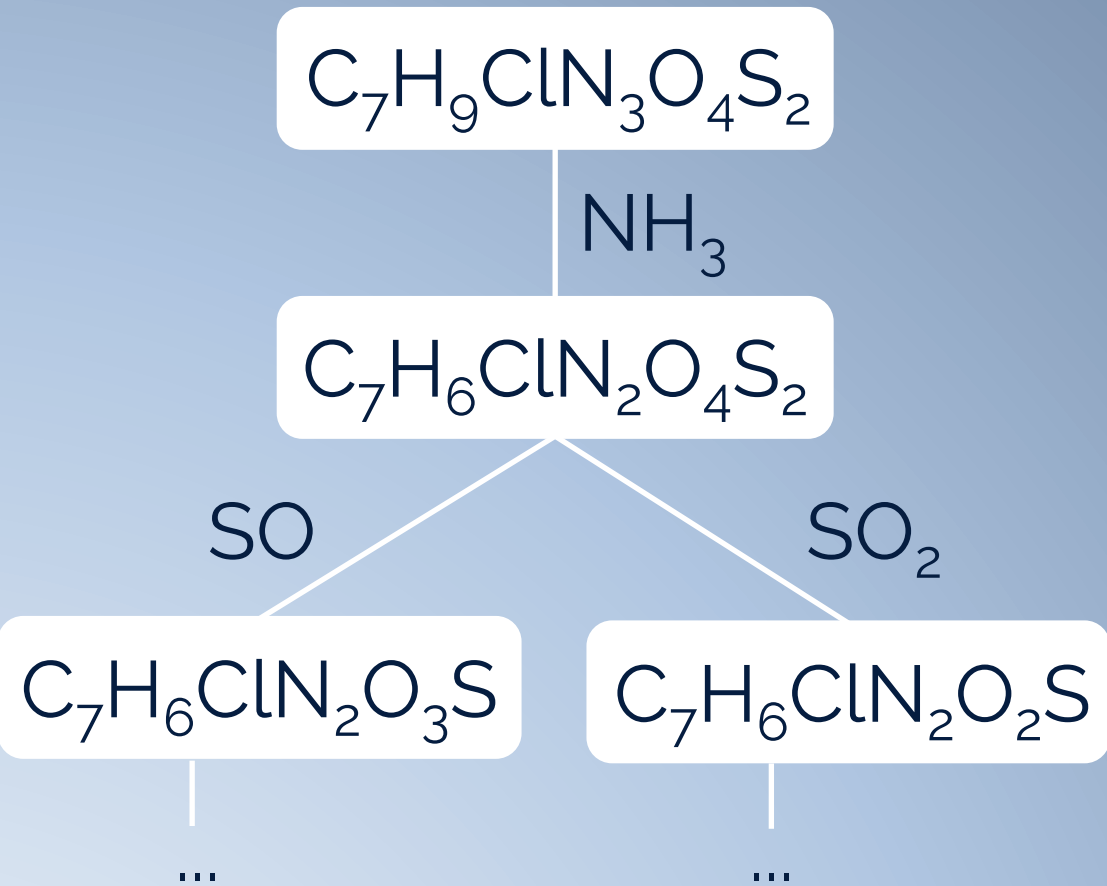






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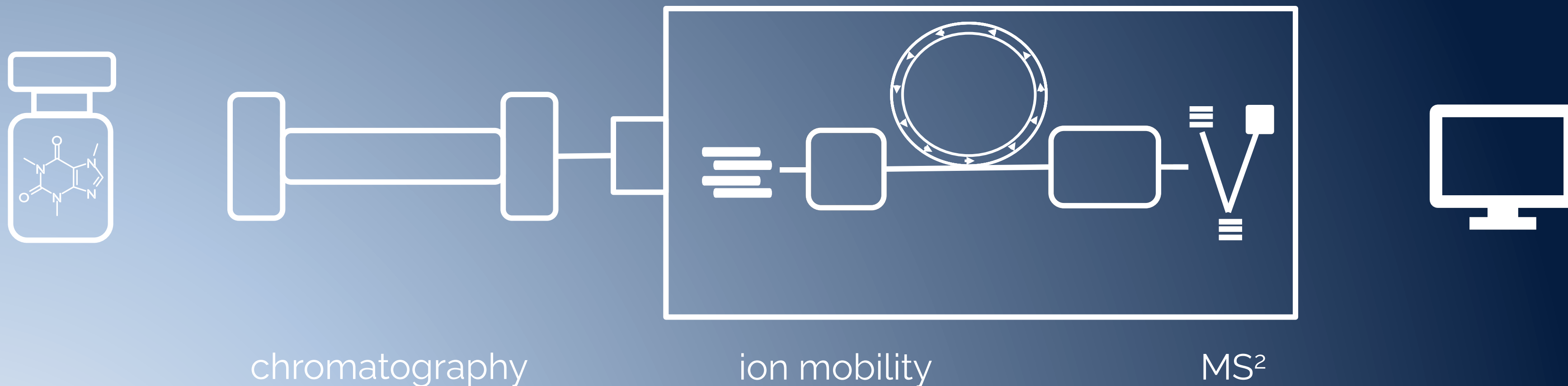
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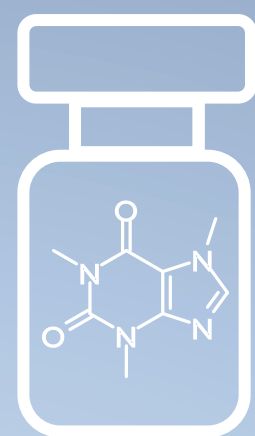
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Akhlaqi et al. Anal Bioanal Chem 2023

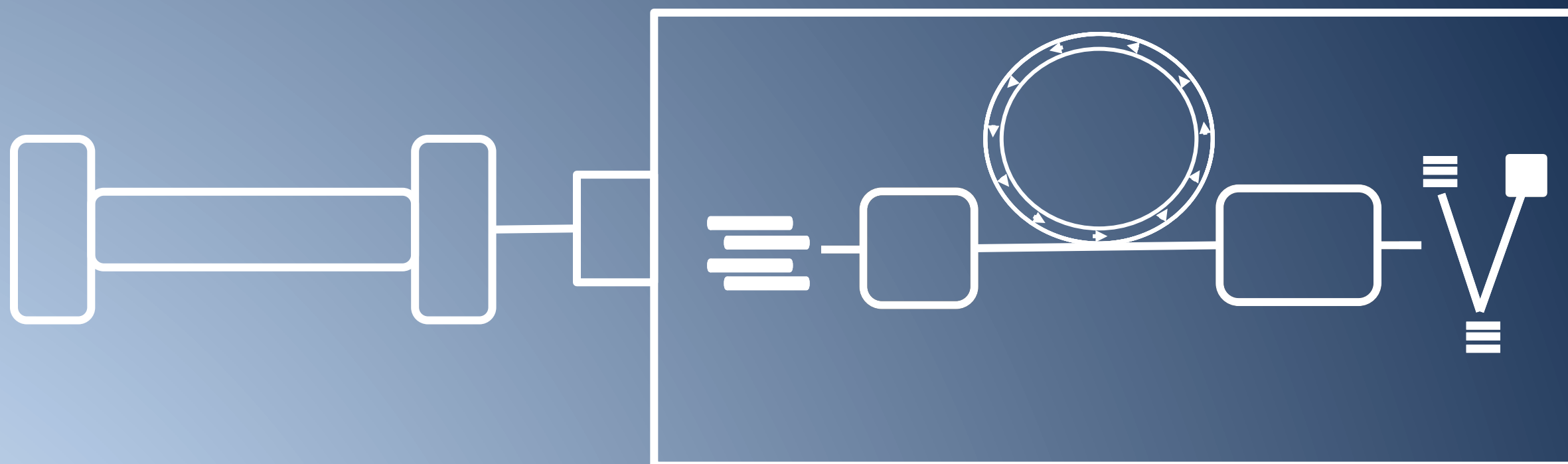


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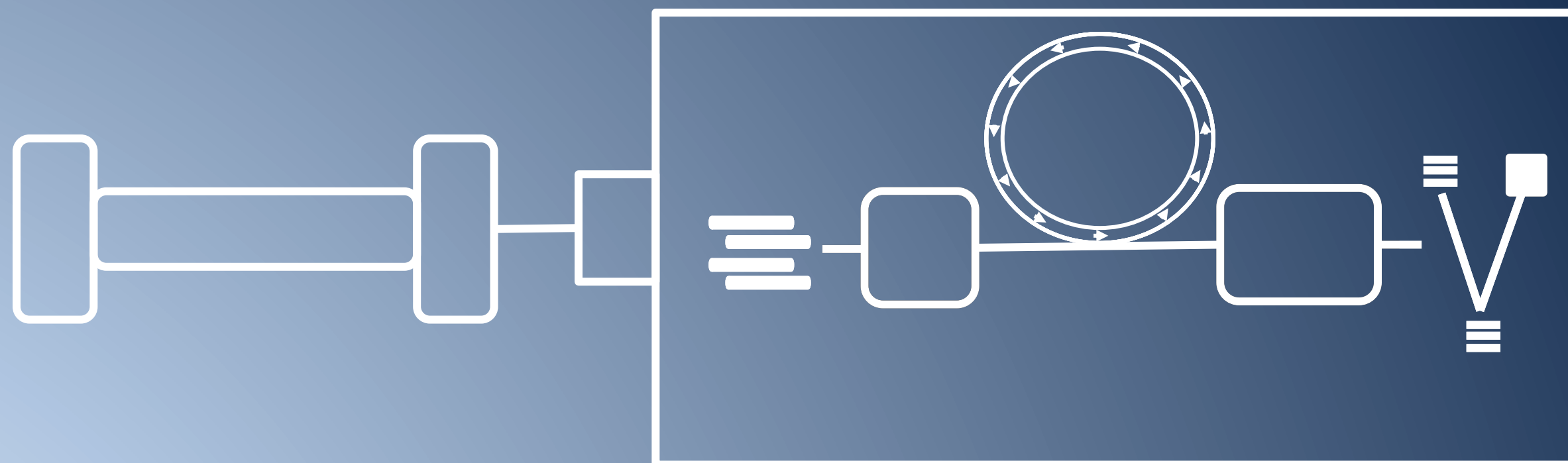
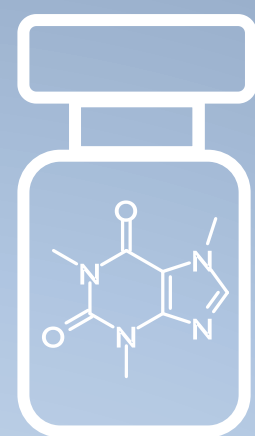
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Cyclic IMS
&
MS² with ToF

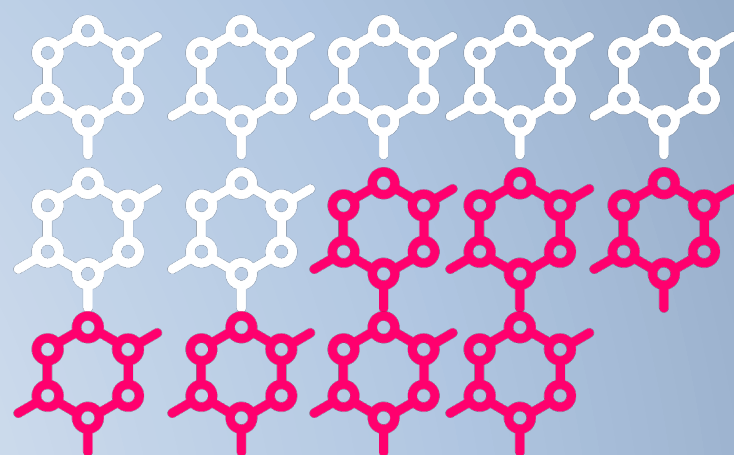
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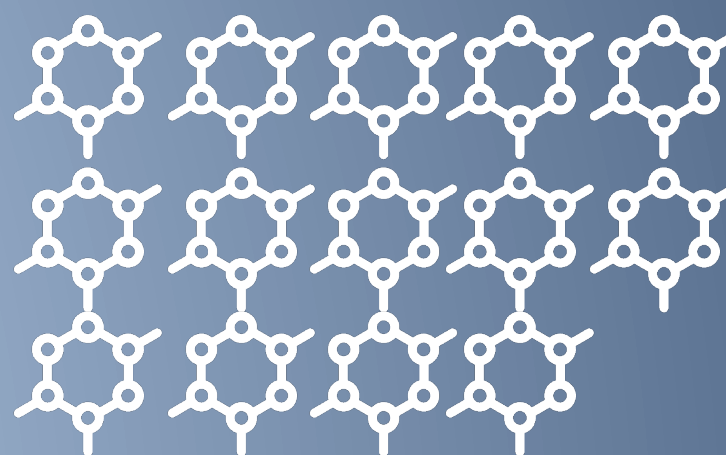
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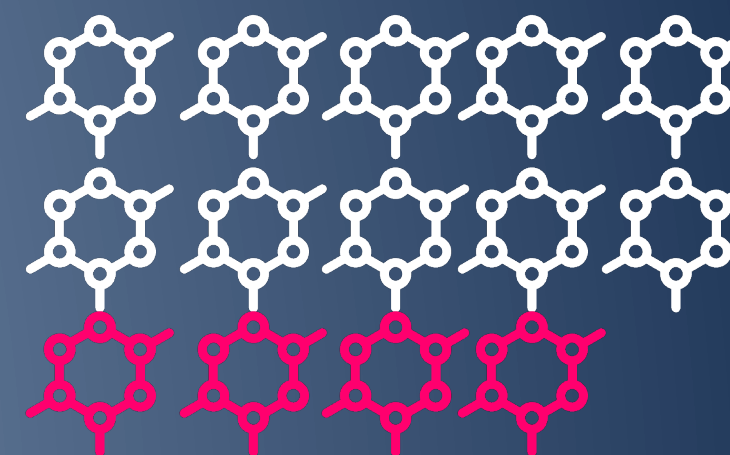
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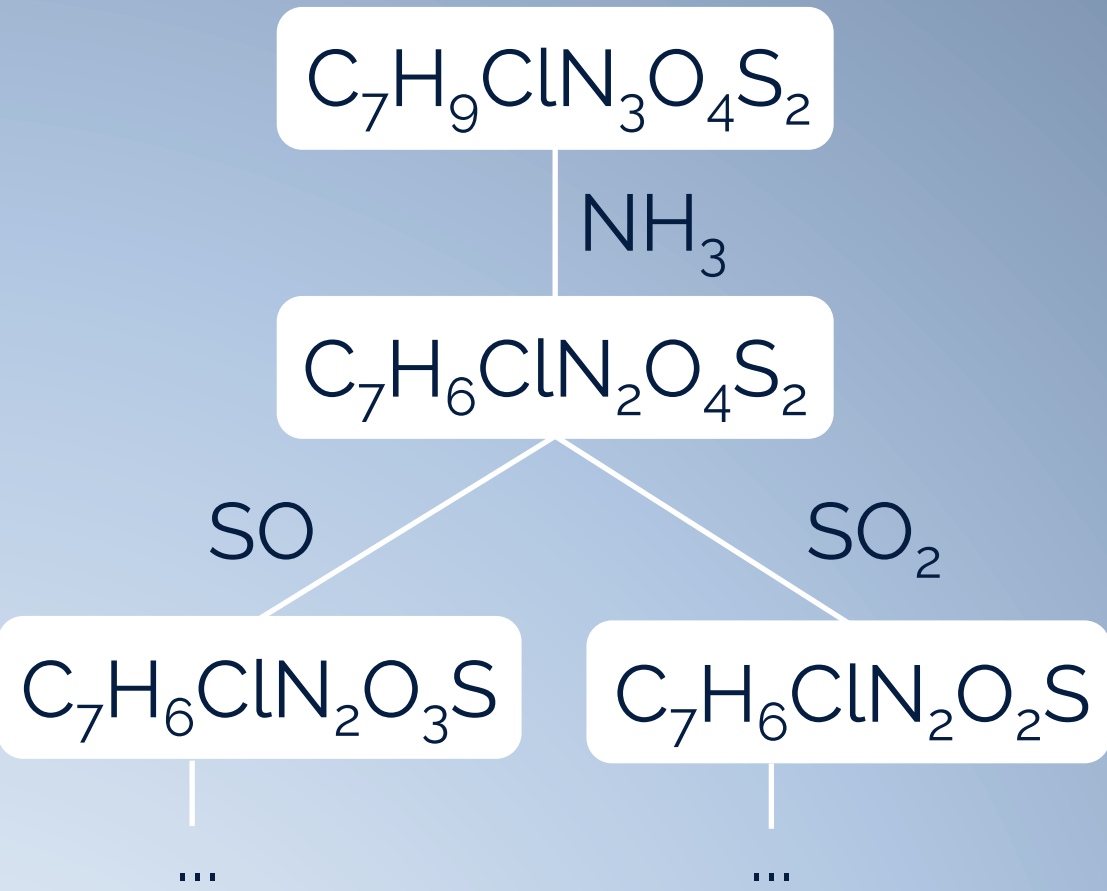


CCS



MS²





machine
learning
→

0.08	O-P
0.87	S=O
0.15	C-F
0.93	NH ₂
0.99	O

structure
→

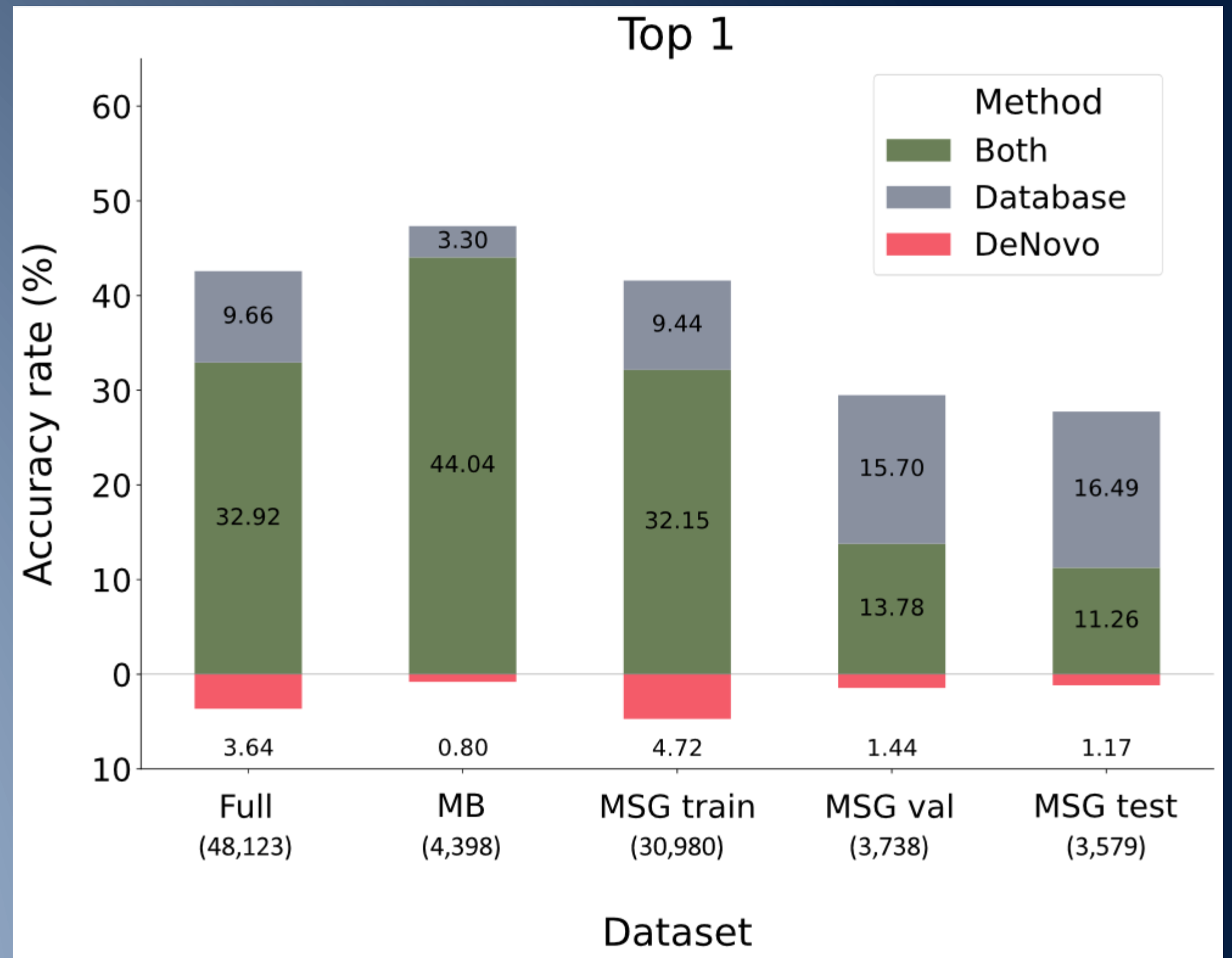


structural identification

from MS² spectra

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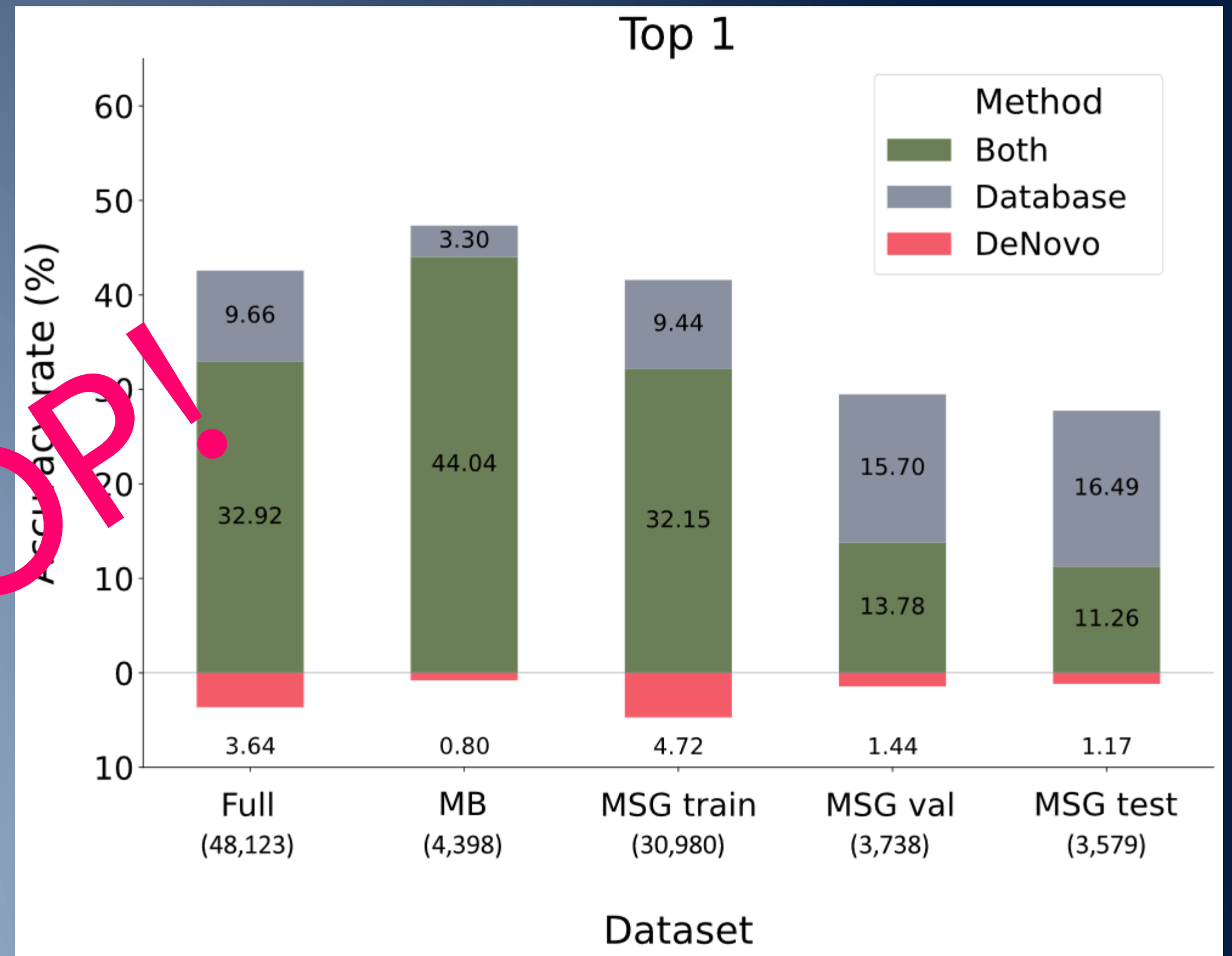
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structural identification

from MS² spectra

STOP!



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take-home message



PRIORITIZE

- (1) measuring performance is very important!
- (2) chemistry still matters!



IDENTIFY

- (1) all wrong structures are NOT false positives!
- (2) multi-technique approach is important!

