

Analytical techniques,  
(non-target) screening workflows  
and monitoring tools -  
*'Getting control  
of PMT and vPvM substances under REACH'*

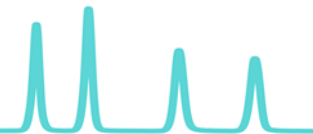
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# Getting control of PMT and vPvM substances under REACH

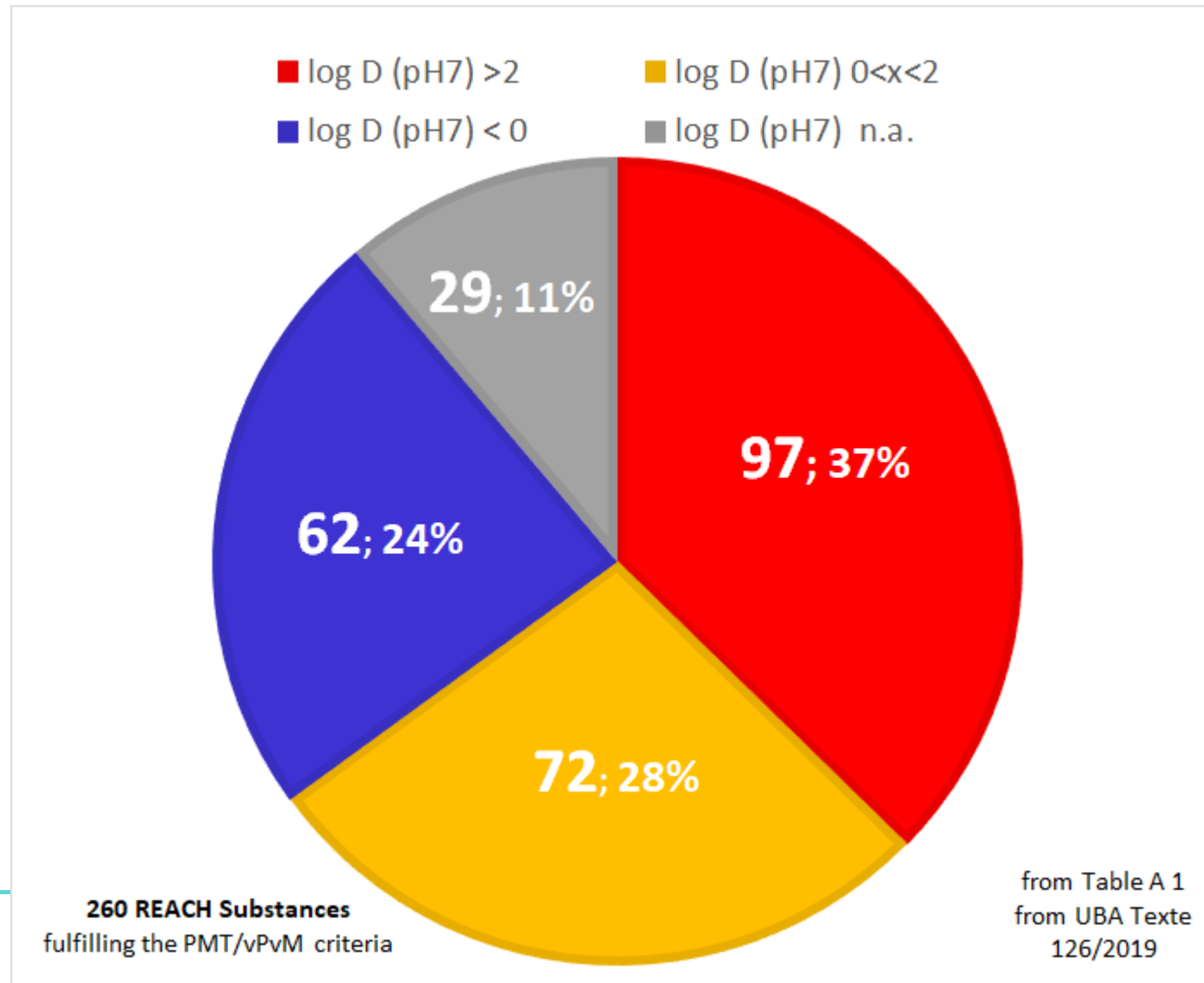


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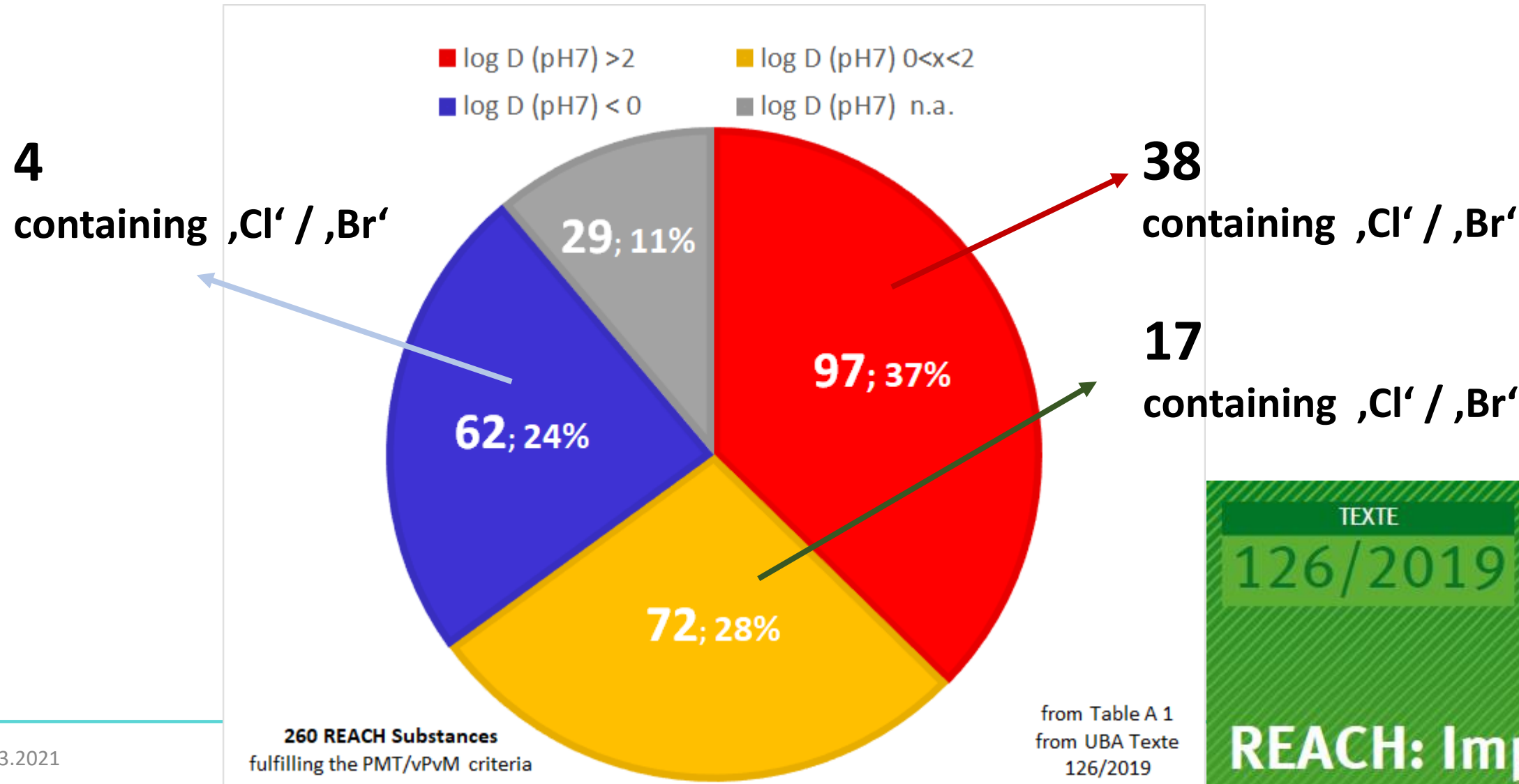
- Organic Molecules like PMT/vPvM Substances
- (Non-Target) Screening Workflows
- Monitoring Tools
- Sustainable and Robust Analytical Platform for ‚NTS in Routine Analysis‘



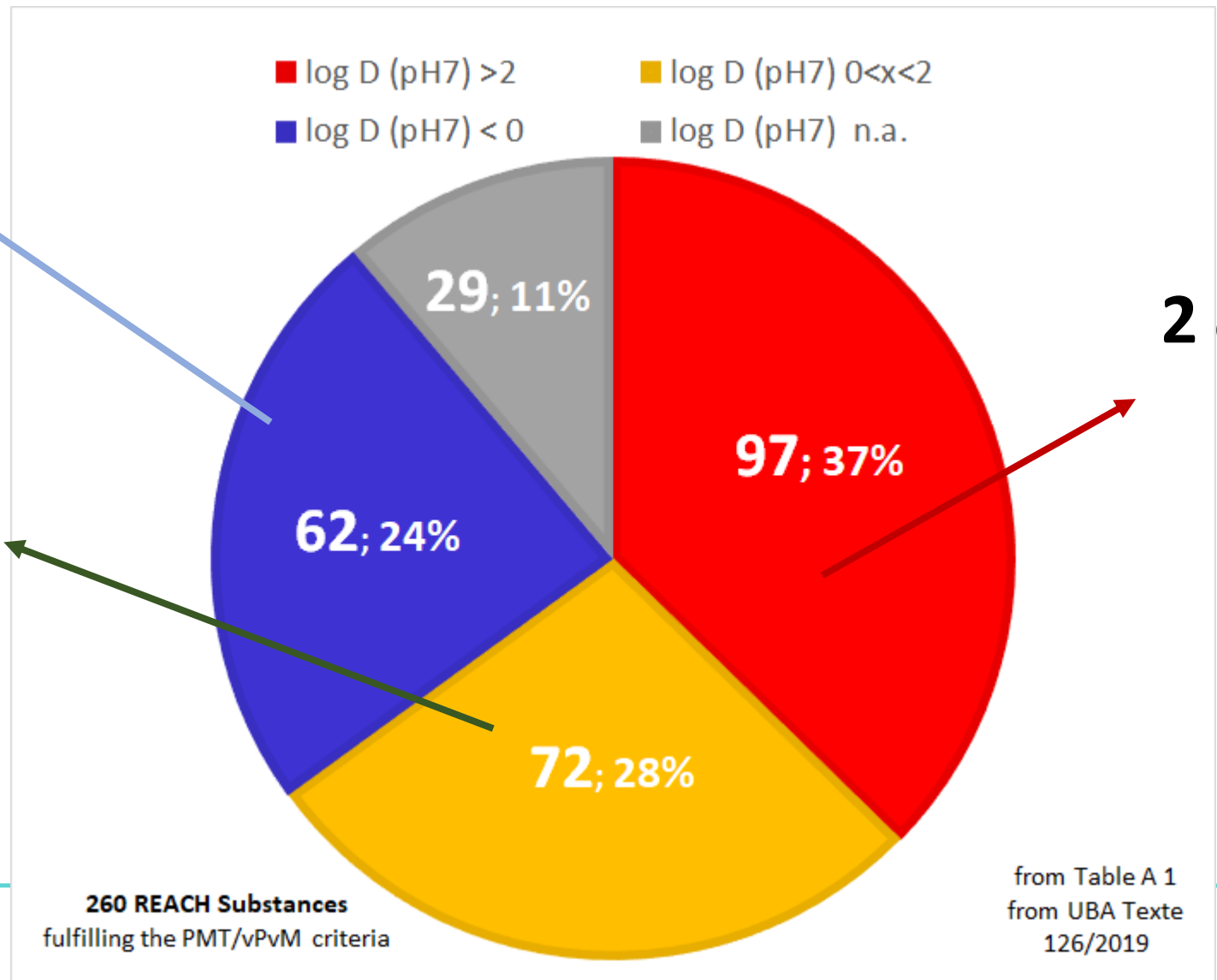
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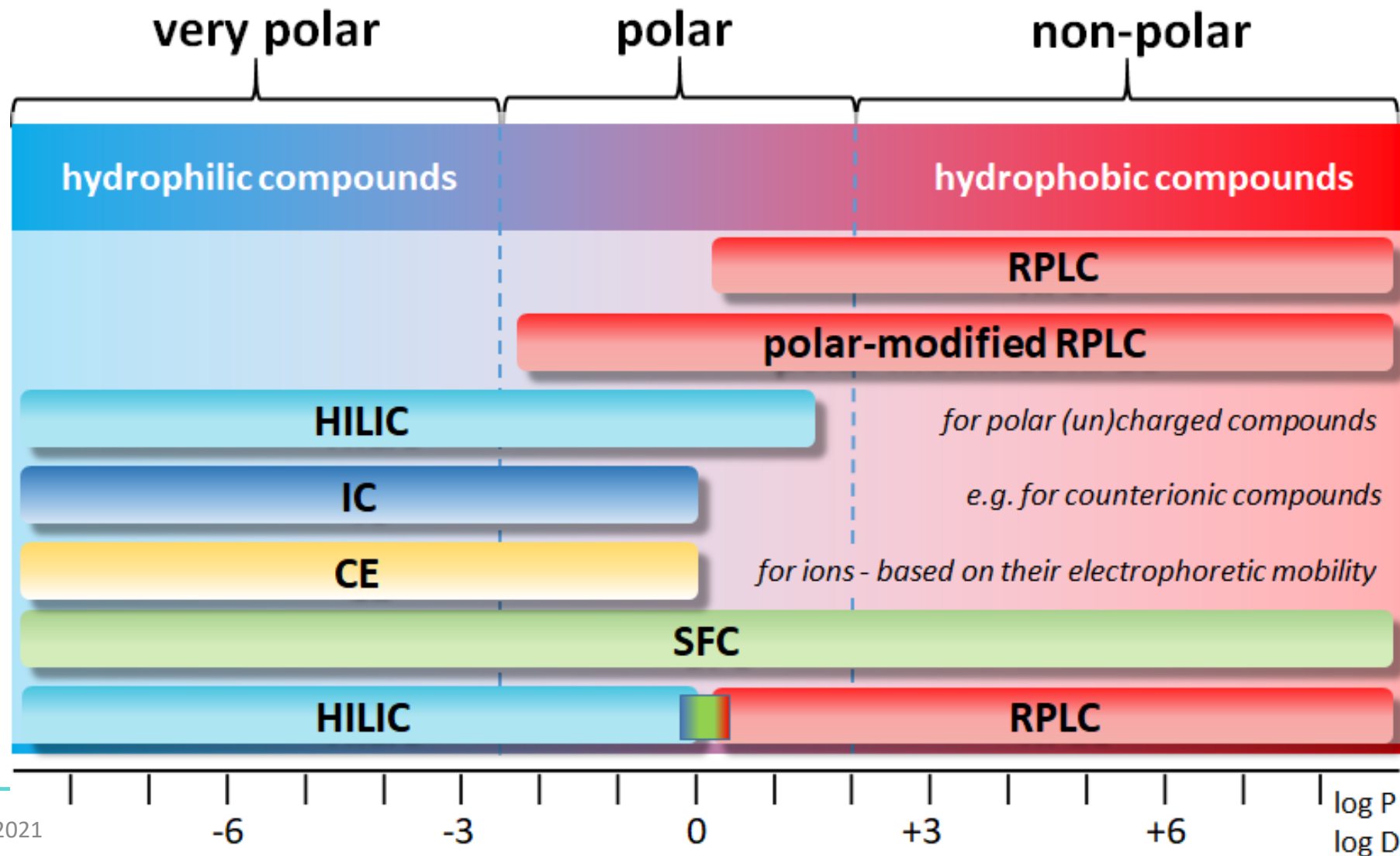
**33** containing  
,Amino' / ,Acid'

**18** containing  
,Amino' / ,Acid'  
(mostly anilins)

**2** containing  
,Amino' / ,Acid'



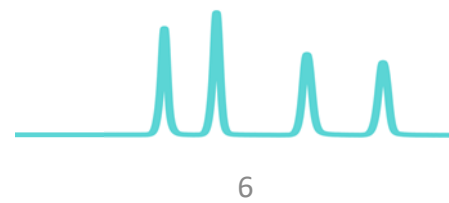
# Liquid Phase Separation Techniques



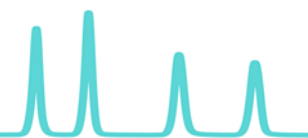
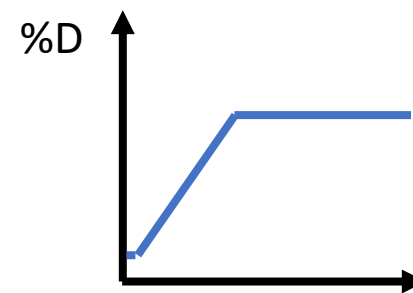
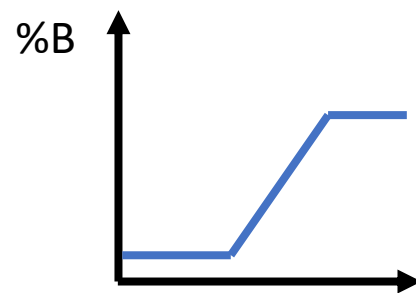
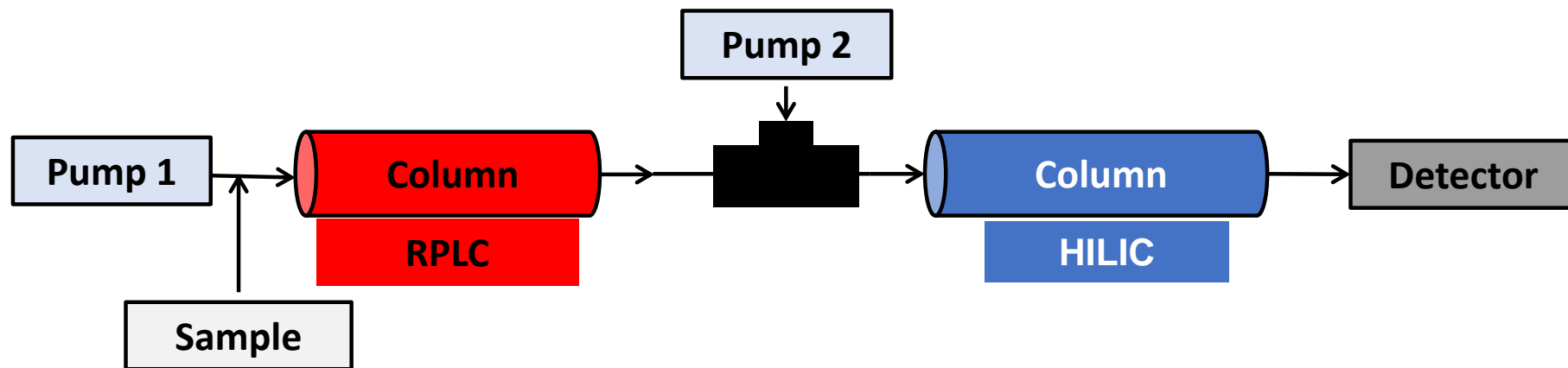
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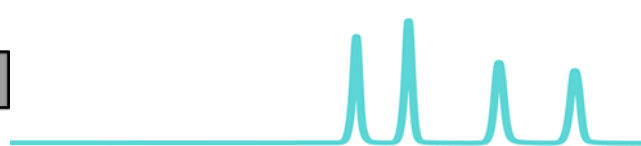
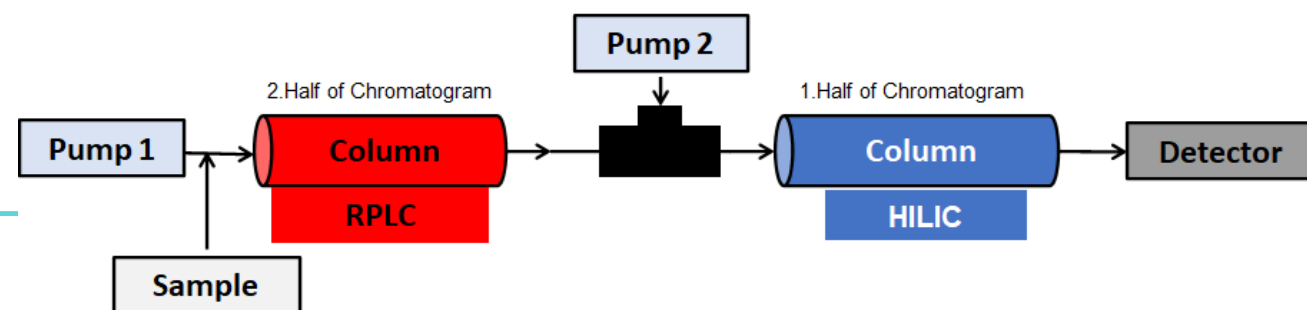
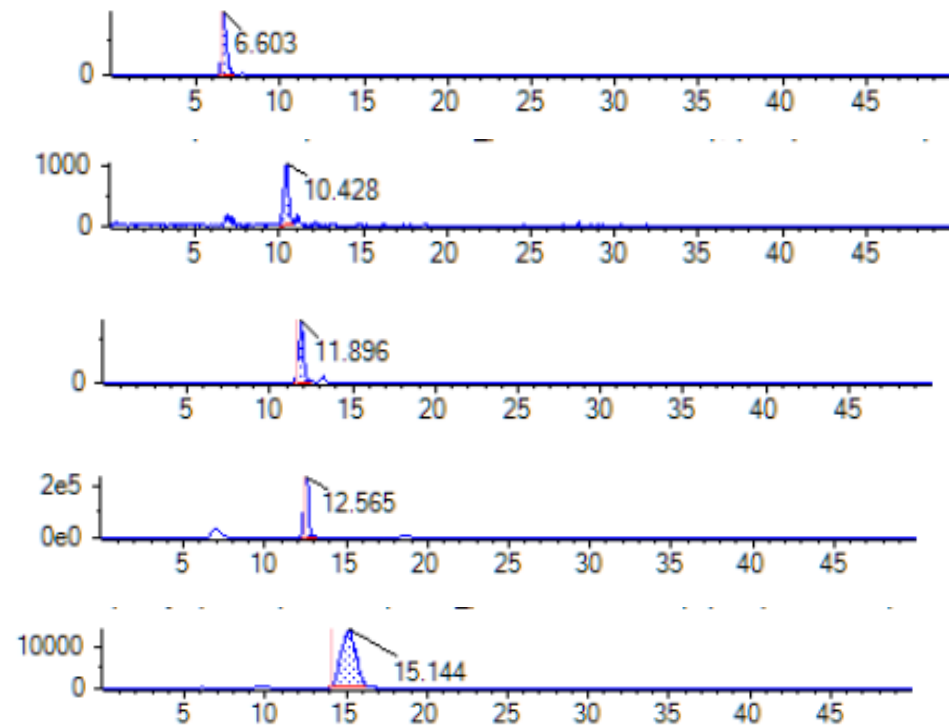
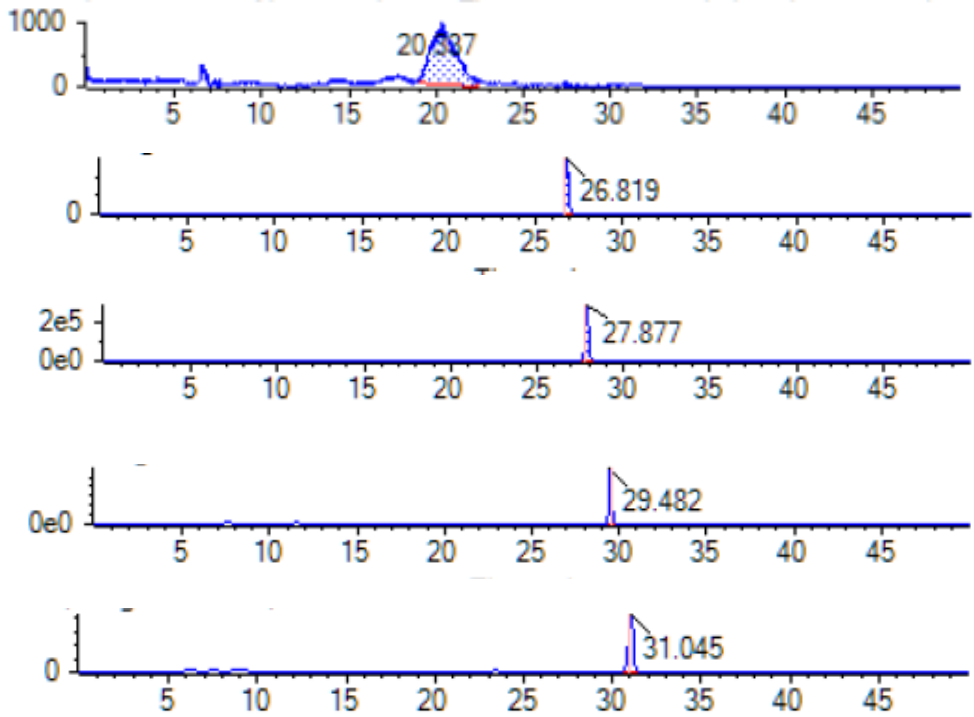
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# Polarity-Extended Liquid Chromatography



# RPLC-HILIC-ESI-MS/MS (using target analysis)

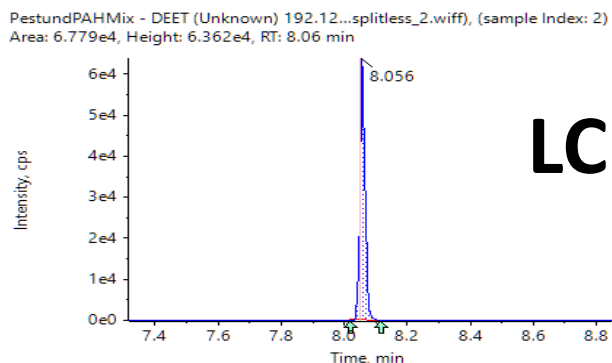




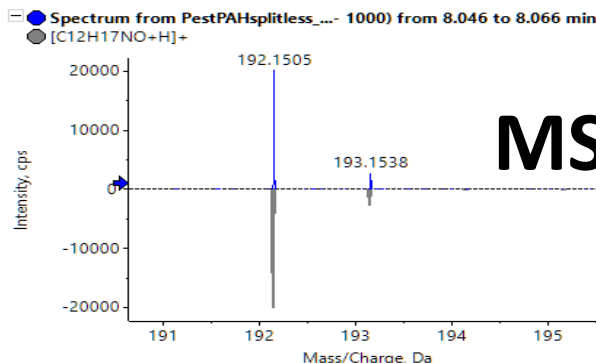
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# Instrumental Analysis in Routine

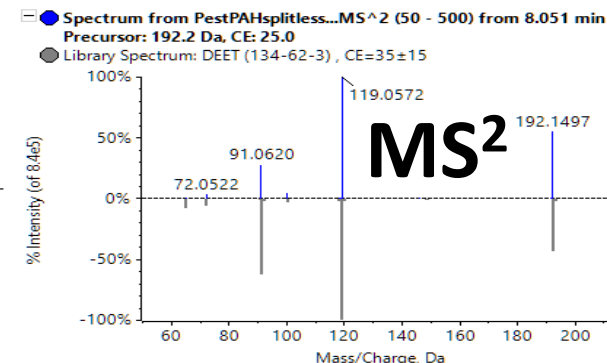
**Analytical  
Technique**



**LC**



**MS**



**MS<sup>2</sup>**

**Analytical  
Parameter**

Retention time

Signal (ion) intensity

Accurate mass,  
Isotopic pattern

Fragment spectrum

**Quality  
Assurance**

RT deviation,  
FWHM

Signal deviation,  
Signal response

Mass deviation,  
mass accuracy

Mass deviation,  
mass accuracy

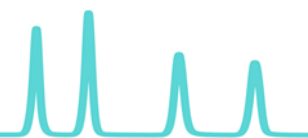
**Physico-Chemical  
Parameter**

logD value  
Hydrophobicity

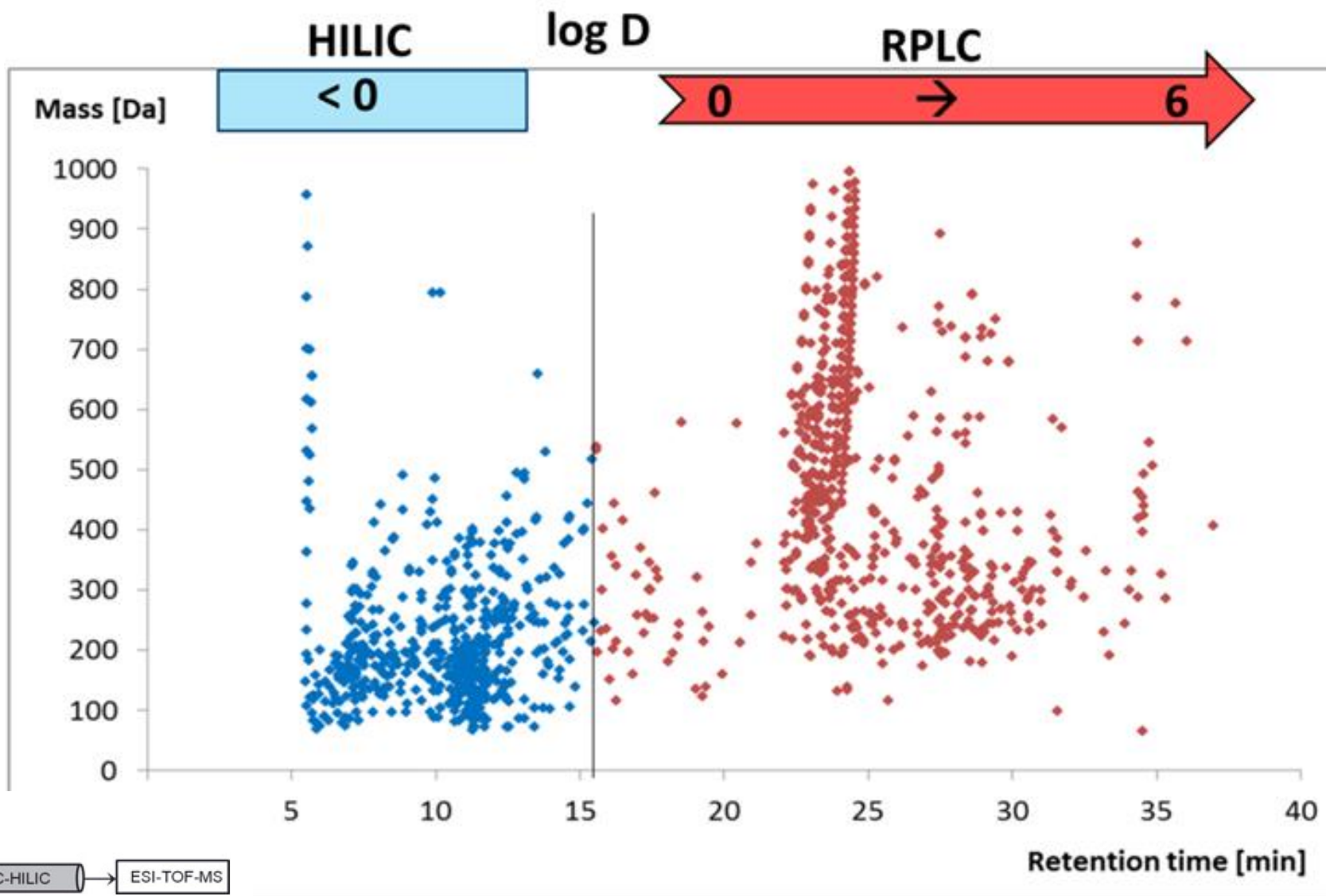
Sensitivity

Empirical  
formula

Structural  
information



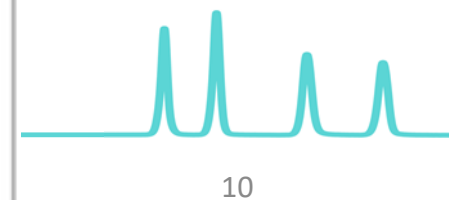
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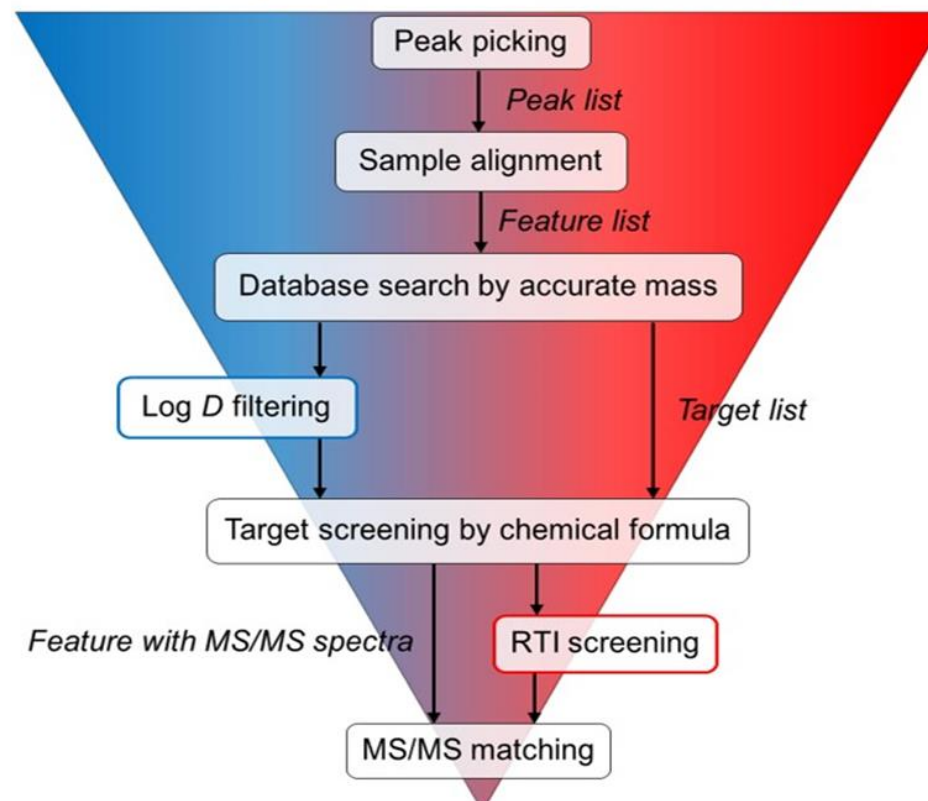
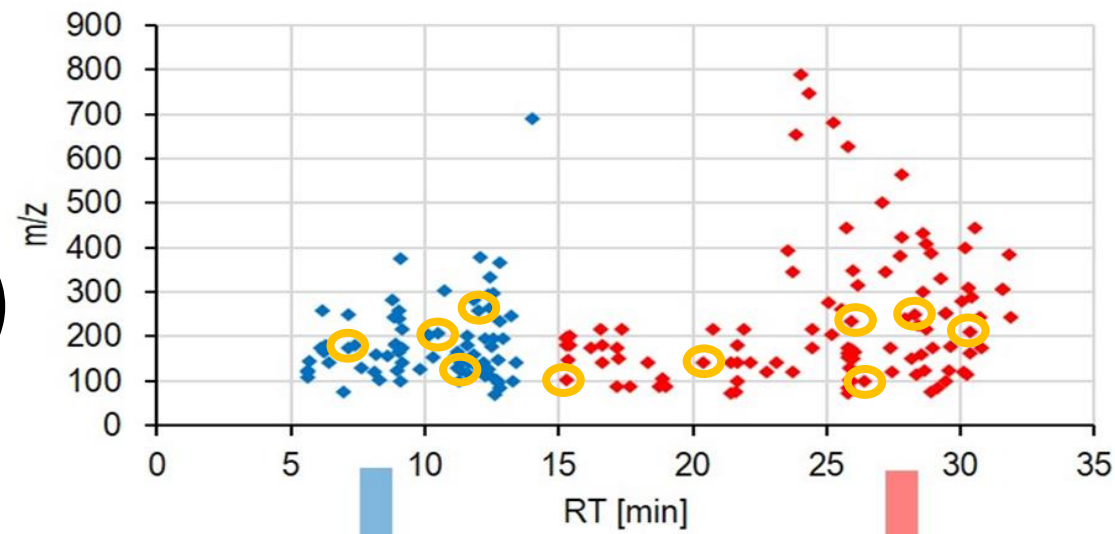
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# NTS (data handling) in Routine

NTS = Non-Target Screening

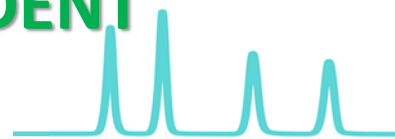
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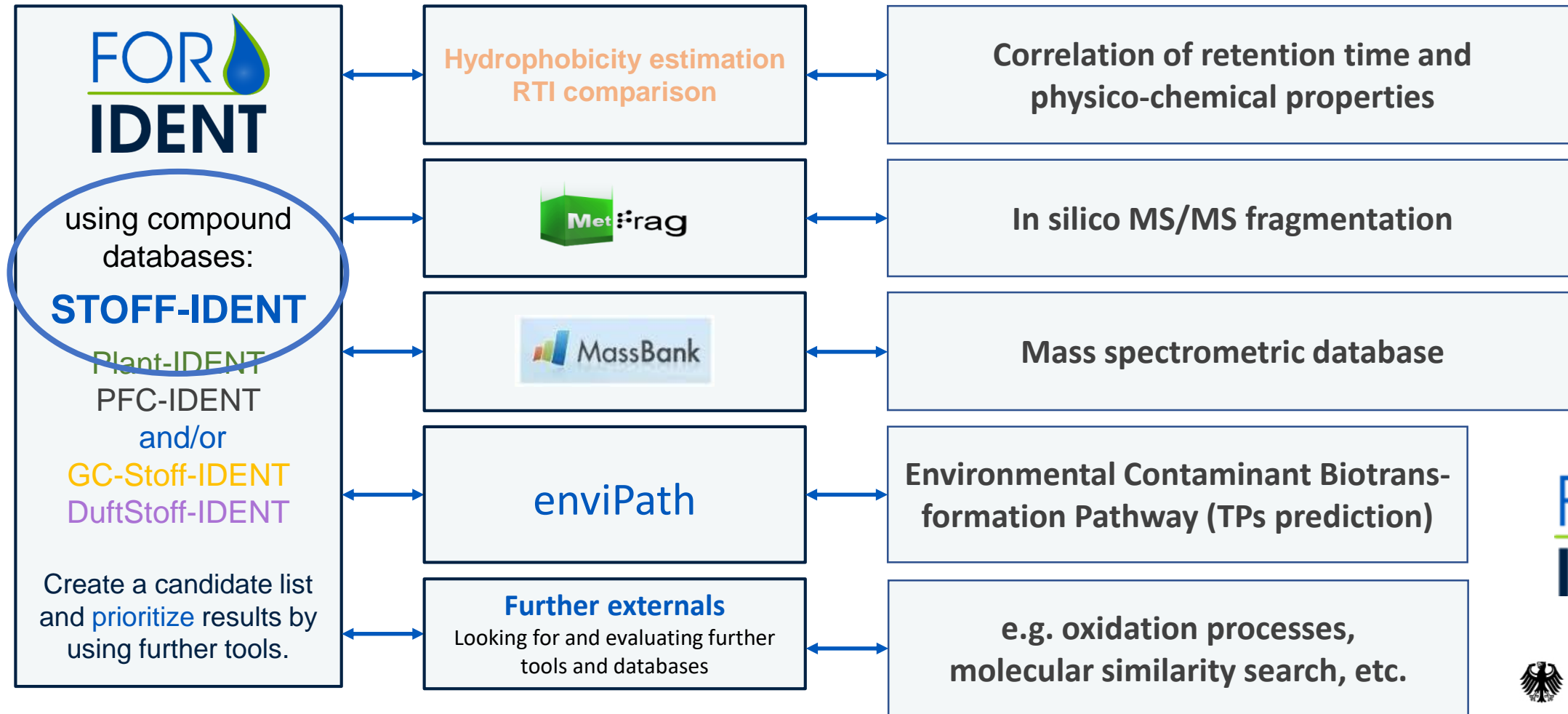
Data Preprocessing

Features (mass@RT)

Data Processing  
using Vendor Solutions and  
the Advanced Workflow Platform  
**FOR-IDENT**



# Open Access NTS Prioritization Workflow

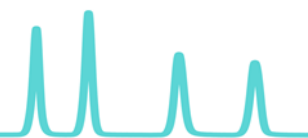


# FOR-IDENT Prioritization

- Automated data evaluation
- Comparison of data with **database entries**
- Scoring based on:
  - Accurate Mass
  - Retention Time (neg. logD filter vs. RTI)
  - MS/MS coverage (in silico fragmentation tool)
  - MassBank entries

| Results                 |   |       |   |          |                                  | Bewertungen                      |                                  |                                  |                                  |
|-------------------------|---|-------|---|----------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Details                 | Target                                  | RT    | Name                                    | Betra... | Bewer...                         | Massen Screening                 | RTI Screening                    | MS/MS                            | Mass...                          |
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| <b>+ Scoring</b>        |   |       |   |          |                                  | <b>MS/MS</b>                     |                                  |                                  |                                  |
| Prozess                 |   | Score |   | Gewicht  |                                  | Gewichteter Score                |                                  |                                  |                                  |
| Massen Screening        |   | 1.0   |   | 0.25     |                                  | 0.25                             |                                  |                                  |                                  |
| RTI Screening           |   | 0.96  |   | 0.25     |                                  | 0.24                             |                                  |                                  |                                  |
| MSMS                    |   | 0.85  |   | 0.25     |                                  | 0.21                             |                                  |                                  |                                  |
| Massbank                |   | 1.0   |   | 0.25     |                                  | 0.25                             |                                  |                                  |                                  |
| <b>Gesamt</b>           |   |       |   |          |                                  |                                  | <b>0.95</b>                      |                                  |                                  |



# Screening PMT/vPvM – ‘Research’ Solutions



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REVIEW

2015

## Non-target screening with high-resolution mass spectrometry: critical review using a collaborative trial on water analysis

Emma L. Schymanski<sup>1</sup> · Heinz P. Singer<sup>1</sup> · Jaroslav Slobodnik<sup>2</sup> · Ildiko M. Ipolyi<sup>2</sup> · Peter Oswald<sup>2</sup> · Martin Krauss<sup>3</sup> · Tobias Schulze<sup>3</sup> · Peter Haglund<sup>4</sup> · Thomas Letzel<sup>5</sup> · Sylvia Grosse<sup>5</sup> · Nikolaos S. Thomaidis<sup>6</sup> · Anna Bletsou<sup>6</sup> · Christian Zwiener<sup>7</sup> · Maria Ibáñez<sup>8</sup> · Tania Portolés<sup>8</sup> · Ronald de Boer<sup>9</sup> · Malcolm J. Reid<sup>10</sup> · Matthias Onghena<sup>11</sup> · Uwe Kunkel<sup>12</sup> · Wolfgang Schulz<sup>13</sup> · Amélie Guillon<sup>14</sup> · Naïke Noyon<sup>14</sup> · Gaëla Leroy<sup>15</sup> · Philippe Bados<sup>16</sup> · Sara Bogialli<sup>17</sup> · Draženka Stipančič<sup>18</sup> · Pawel Rostkowski<sup>19</sup> · Juliane Hollender<sup>1,20</sup>

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2017

## RPLC-HILIC and SFC with Mass Spectrometry: Polarity-Extended Organic Molecule Screening in Environmental (Water) Samples

Stefan Bieber, Giorgia Greco,<sup>†</sup> Sylvia Grosse, and Thomas Letzel<sup>\*†</sup>

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PAPER

2021

## (Very) polar organic compounds in the Danube river basin: Non-target screening workflow and prioritization strategy for extracting highly confident features

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RESEARCH PAPER

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COMMENTARY

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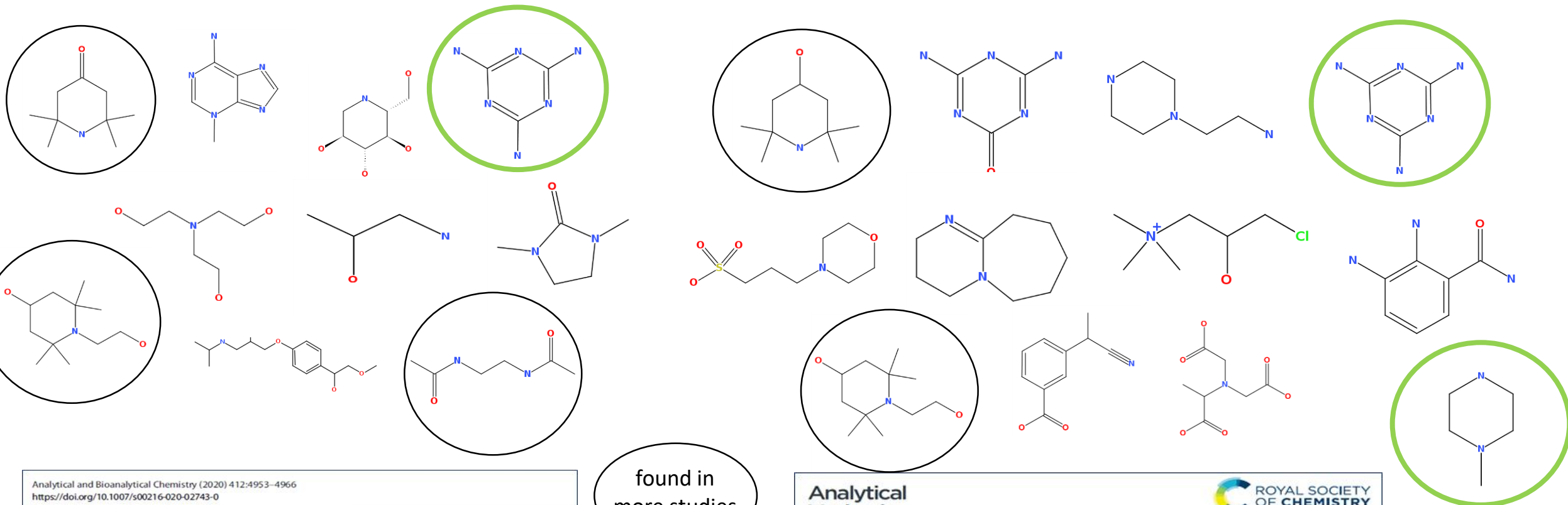
## Persistent, mobile and toxic substances in the environment: a spotlight on current research and regulatory activities

Heinz Rüdel<sup>1\*</sup>, Wolfgang Körner<sup>2</sup>, Thomas Letzel<sup>3</sup>, Michael Neumann<sup>4</sup>, Karsten Nödler<sup>5</sup> and Thorsten Reemtsma<sup>6,7</sup>



Further literature regarding this topic see-> <https://afin-ts.de/literatur/?lang=en>

# 'REACH'-contained suggestions (in surface waters)

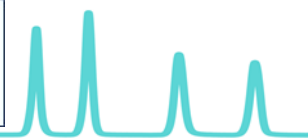


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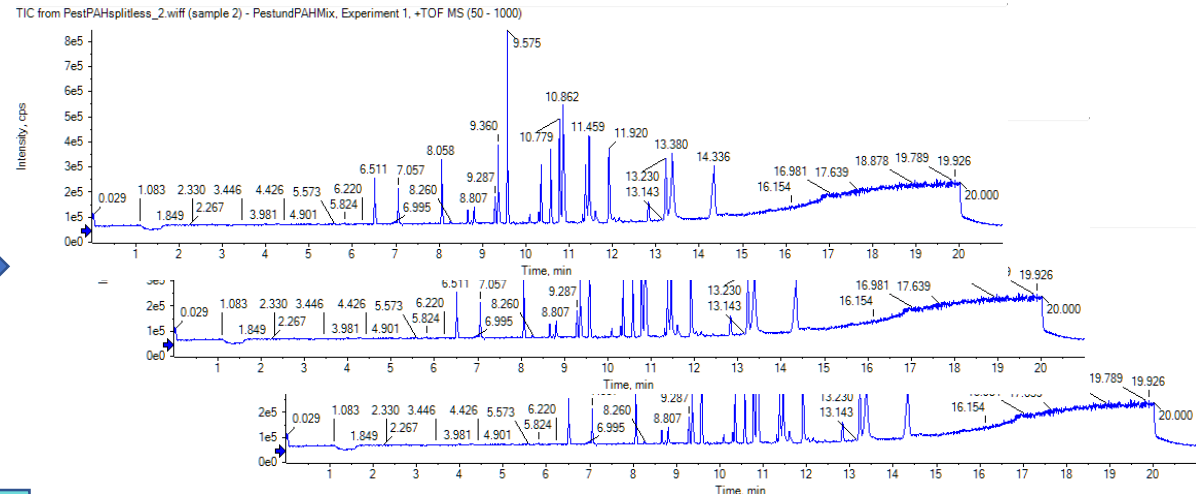
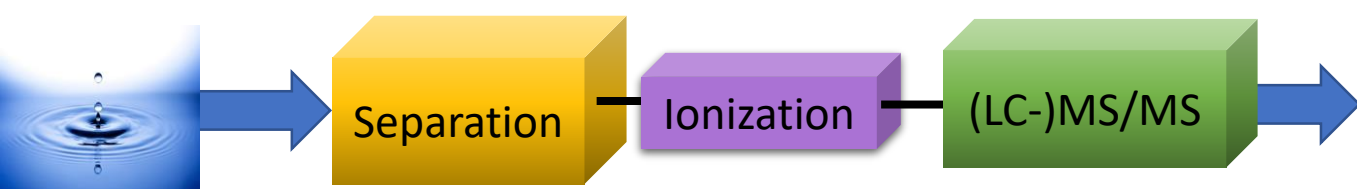
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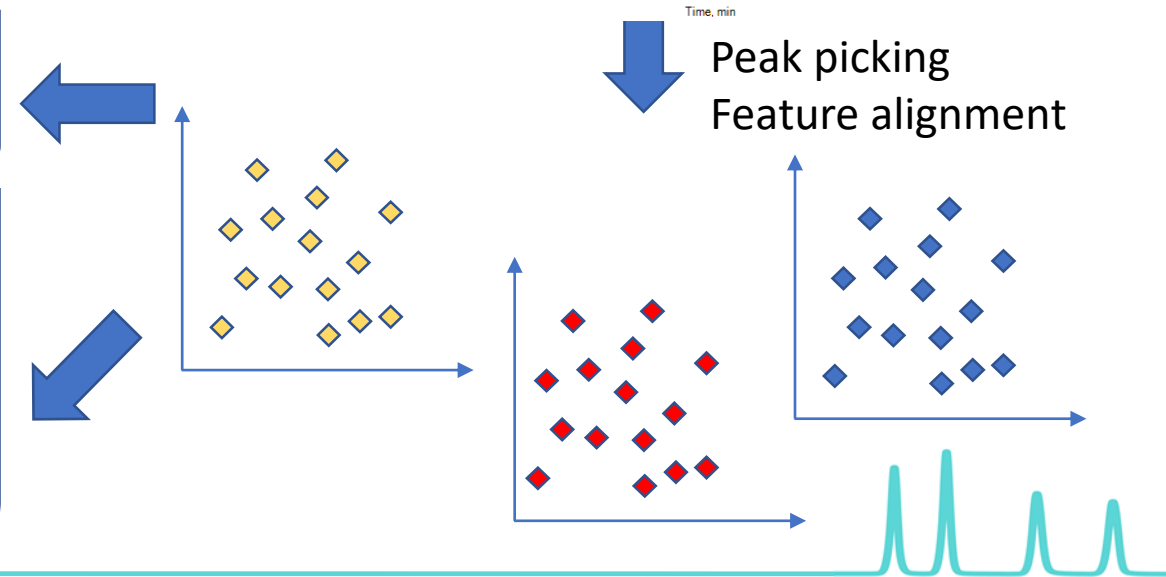
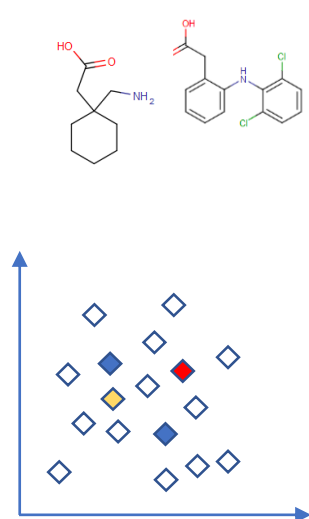
# Non-Target Screening Data Evaluation



**Identification**

**Statistical handling**

- PCA
- Trend detection
- Cluster analysis
- .....





# Perspective

- **Wanted**

As many as possible interested institutions supporting our established sustainable analytical process and having samples for our analytical lab (and our data analysis)

- **Offered**

Own lab capacities (from AFIN-TS) and additionally partner consulting to establish the Target- and NTS- strategies also in their analytical labs

- **Needed**

Networks for connecting as many as possible international labs that realize this polarity-extended type of analysis and want to have inter-laboratory solutions