

Using Point of Use Sampling Devices and High Resolution Mass Spectrometry Techniques for Characterizing Drinking Water Exposures



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Human Exposure Pathways



Screening Intention?



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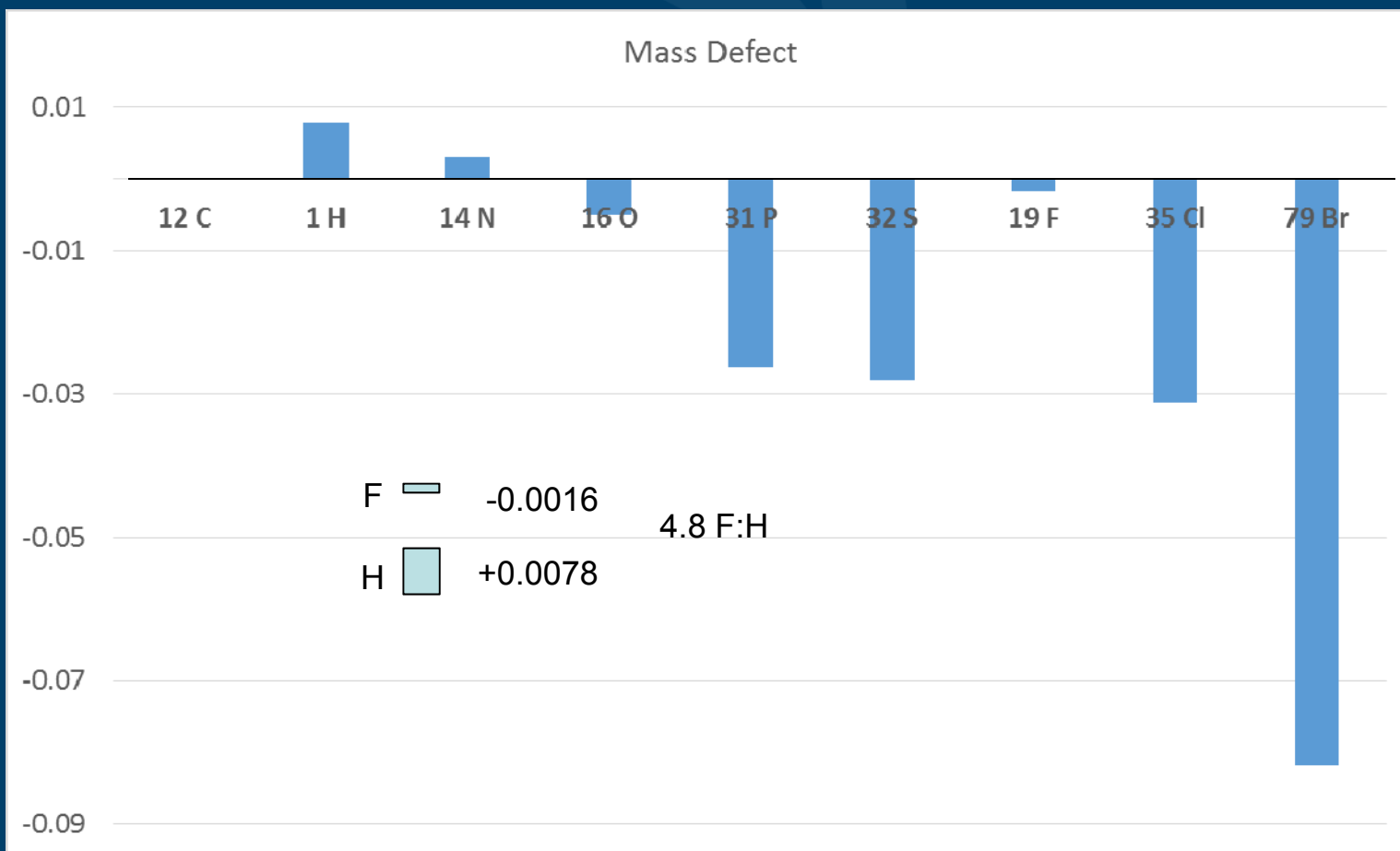
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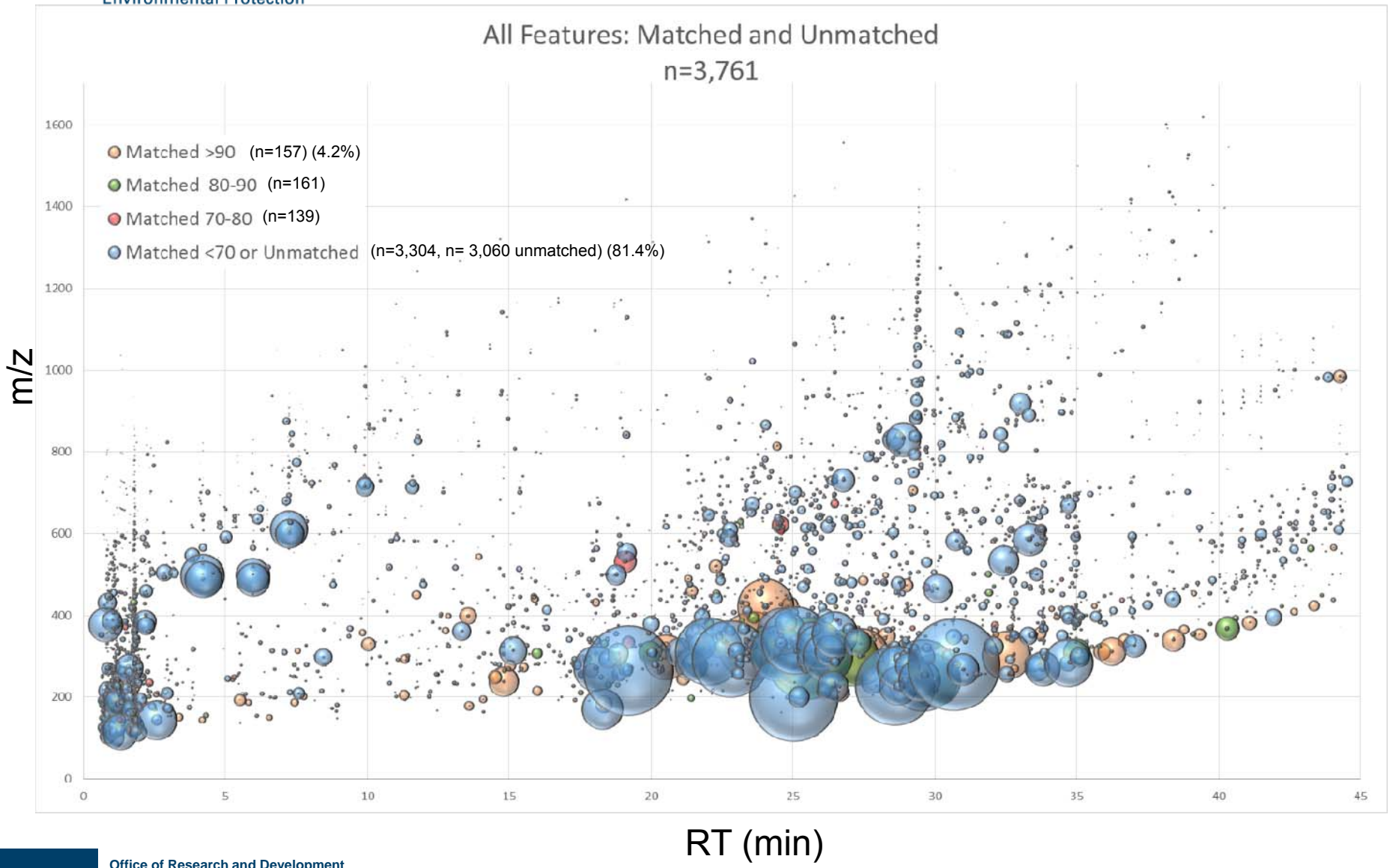


Characteristics for Elevated NTA Scrutiny

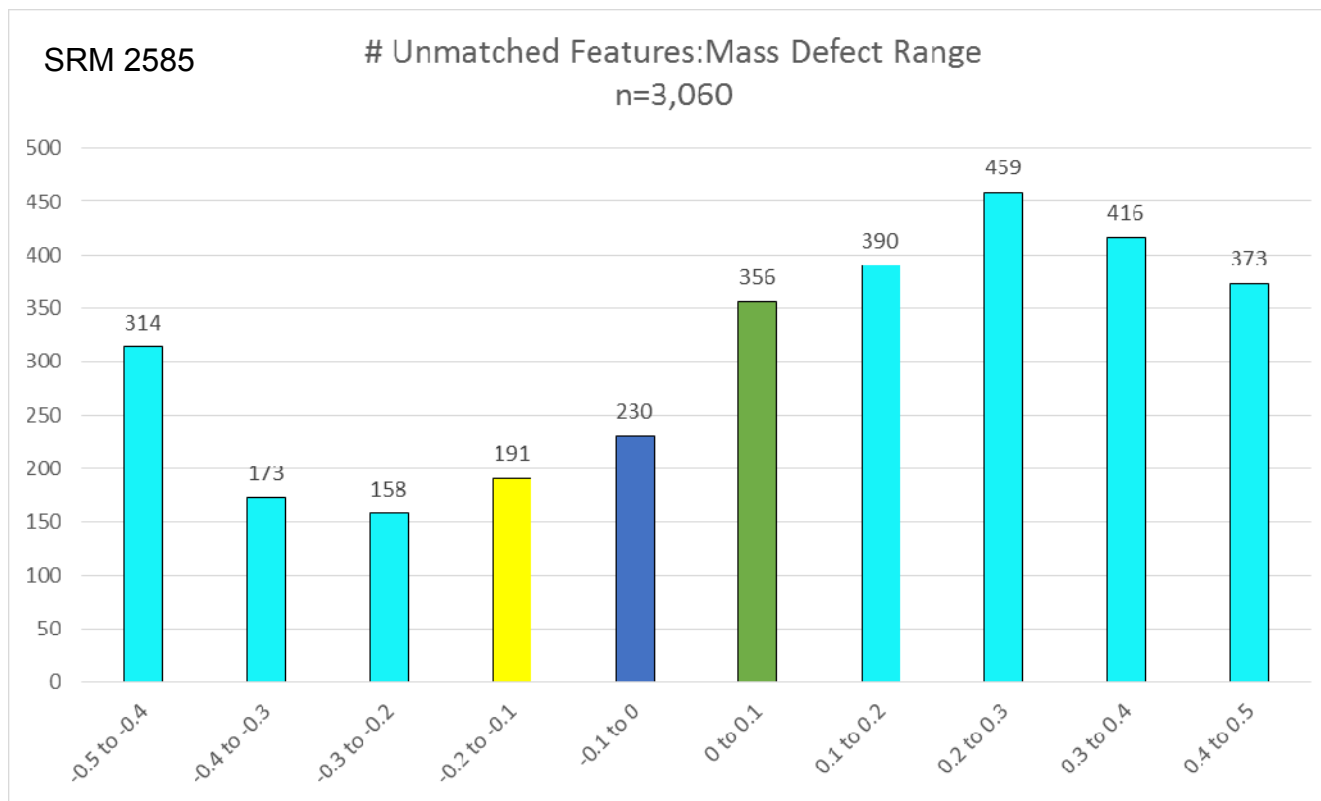
- Large peaks (abundance vs. number; lognormal distribution)
- Detection frequency (found in many samples)
- Contain halogens (Cl, Br) spectral features
- Mass defect (negative vs positive)
- ???

Typical Elements (CHNOPS F Cl Br)

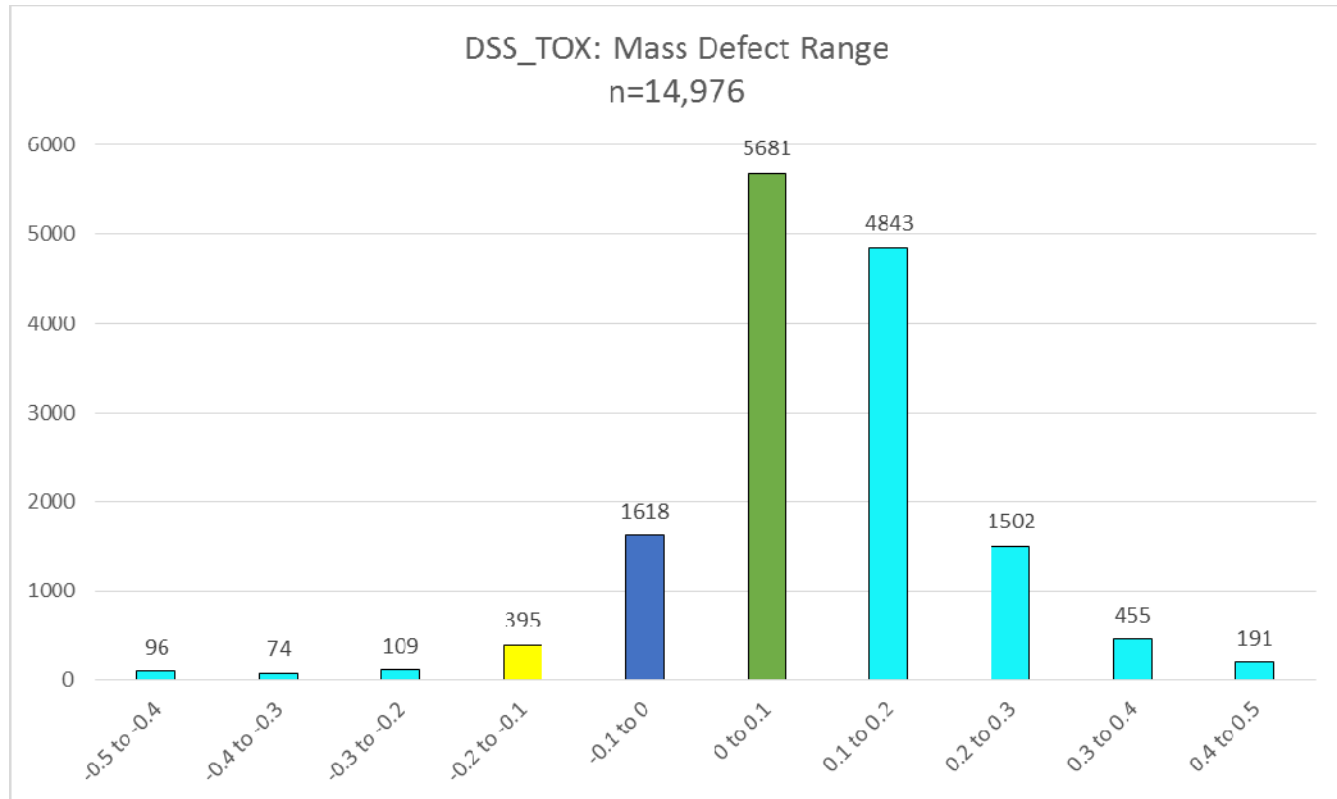




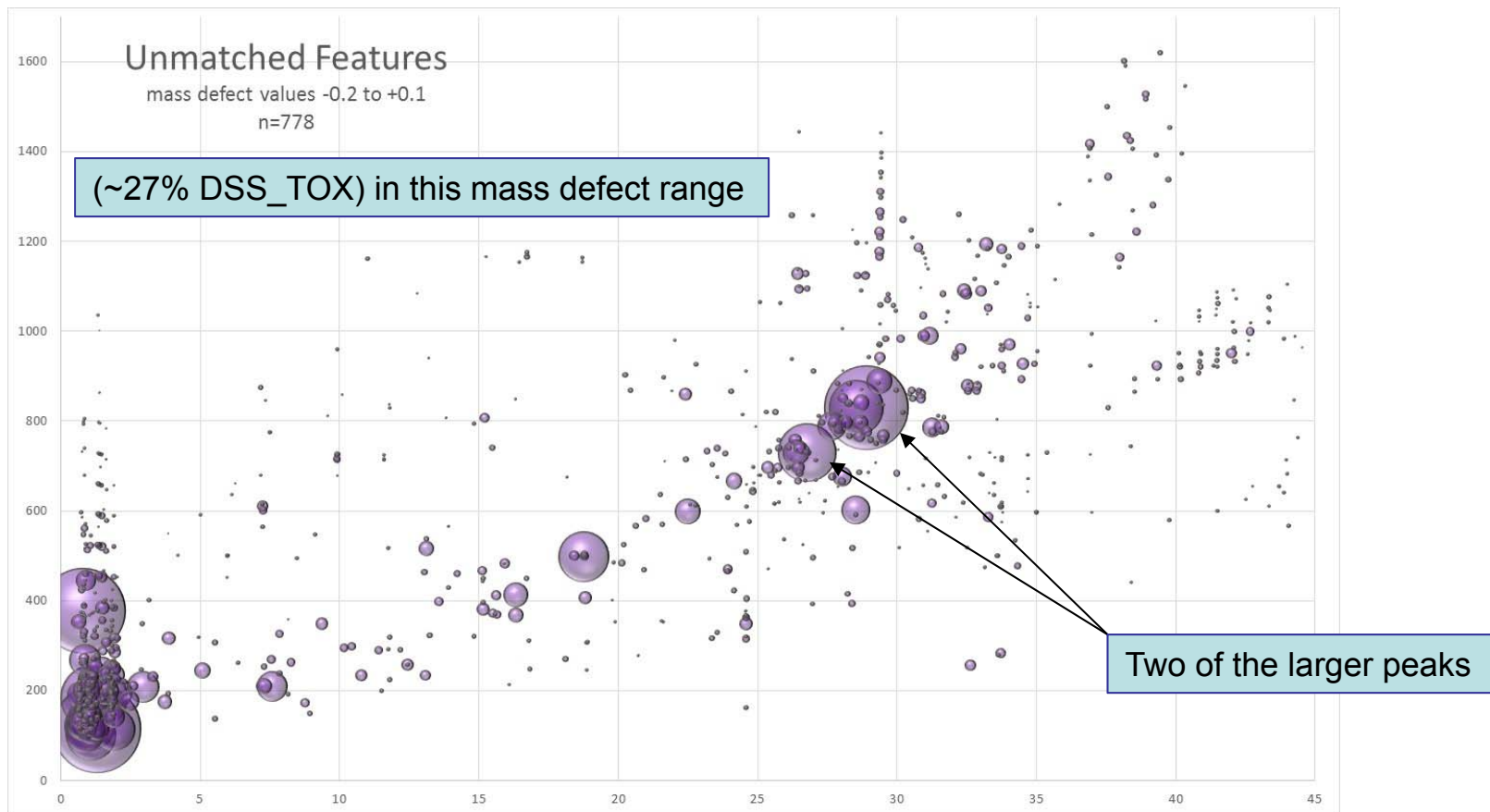
Database mass defect
Vs.
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NIST SRM 2585 Organic Compounds in Hose Dust





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Linking high resolution mass spectrometry data with exposure and toxicity forecasts to advance high-throughput environmental monitoring



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- **Pilot scale deployment at 9 homes**
(Research Triangle Park, NC USA)
- **Municipal water (7); well water (2)**
- **Left on tap >1 month**
- **Cold water filtration**
- **Extracted (24 hr. soxhlet 80:20 DCM:methanol)**
- **Suspect and Non-targeted screening**





LC/TOFMS Analysis



Agilent 6200 series TOF MSD
+/- Mode
ESI

Agilent 1100 HPLC
45 minute Methanol/Di_{formate} Gradient
Agilent Poroshell 120 EC-C18, 3 x 50 mm,
2.7 μ m column

Feature Identification

- Molecular Feature Extraction (MFE) criteria:

Feature Peaks	Ion Species	Charge State	Mass Filters	Compound Filters	Quality Filter
≥ 1000 counts	Positive ions: +H, +Na	Isotope peak spacing tolerance: 0.0025 m/z plus 7.0 ppm	Filter mass list using 5.0 ppm tolerance	Relative height ≥ 0.10%	Compound quality score ≥ 80
	Negative ions: -H, +HCOO ⁻	Charge states limit: 2		Absolute height ≥ 1000 counts	

Chemical Database (DSSTox)

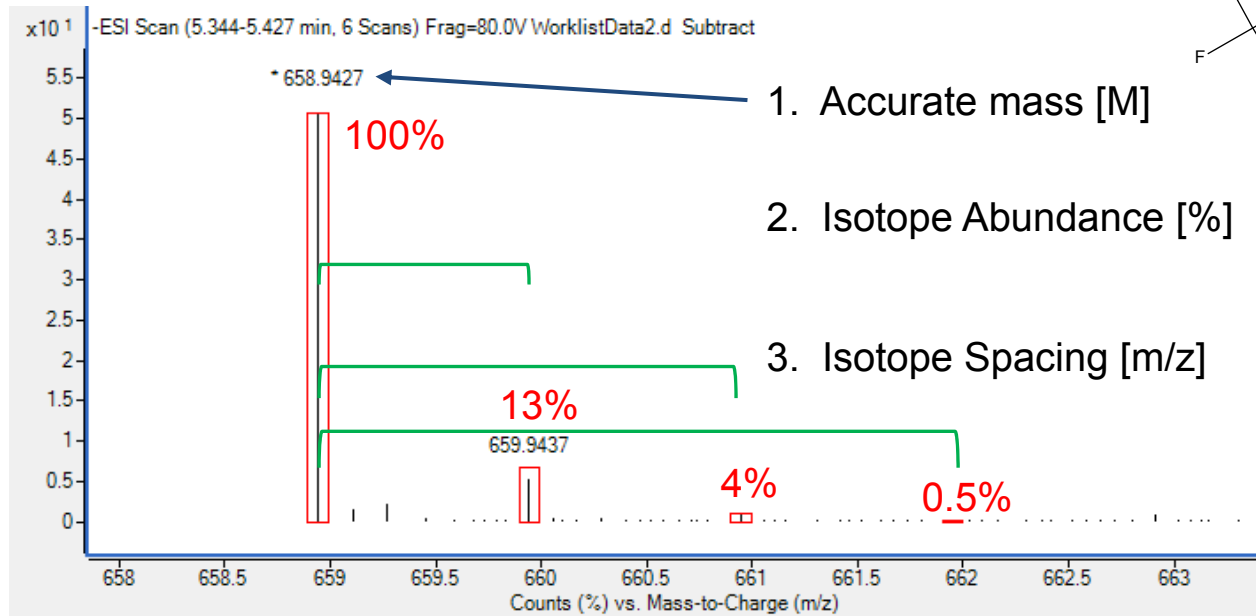
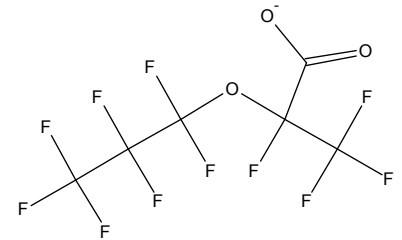
- Carefully curated database of standardized chemical mass, formula, structure, and other information files
 - One-to-one mapping of CAS-to-chemical name
 - Chemicals include environmental contaminants, pharmaceuticals, and other industrial chemicals
- version of DSSTox used
 - ~33,000 chemicals



The screenshot shows the DSSTox website interface. At the top, the EPA logo and navigation links are visible. The main content area is titled "National Center for Computational Toxicology (NCCT)" and "DSSTox". It includes a navigation menu on the left with links like "Home", "About DSSTox", and "Structure Data Files". The main text describes the "Distributed Structure-Searchable Toxicity (DSSTox) Database Network" as a project of EPA's National Center for Computational Toxicology. A diagram on the right illustrates the process of converting "Chemical Structures" and "Toxicity Data" into "DSSTox SDF Files", which are "Standardized", "Documented", "Structure-Searchable", and "Application-independent". A "DSSTox Structure-Browser" logo is also present, along with the date "10 April 2012".

Isotope Cluster Scoring

Ex. $C_{12}H F_{22}O_6$



1. Accurate mass [M]

2. Isotope Abundance [%]

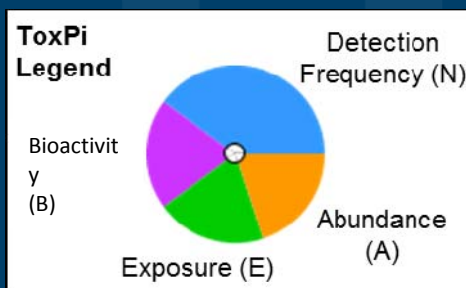
3. Isotope Spacing [m/z]

Allowed Species	Limits	Charge State	Scoring
Contribution to overall score			
Mass score			100.00
Isotope abundance score			60.00
Isotope spacing score			50.00

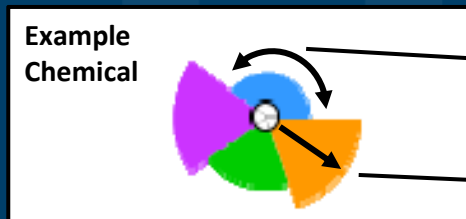
Prioritization Scoring with ToxPi

$$\text{ToxPi Score}_i = w_A \frac{A_i}{A_{\max}} + w_N \frac{N_i}{N_{\max}} + w_E \frac{E_i}{E_{\max}} + w_B \frac{B_i}{B_{\max}}$$

$$w_A = w_E = w_T = 1; w_N = 2$$



Individual components of a unit circle are scaled and represented as “slices”



Width indicates the relative weight of the variable

Distance from the origin is proportional to the normalized value of the data

(Reif et al. 2010)

Suspect screening of BRITA Filters

	LC-Neg	LC-Pos	GC
Total Number of Features:	4320	10602	9609
Average (standard deviation) number of features per sample:	480 (219)	1178 (575)	1068 (244)
Total Number of Features that match to Database:	181	249	233
Percent of features that matched to the database:	4.2%	2.3%	2.4%
Number of Unique Formulas:	166	231	93

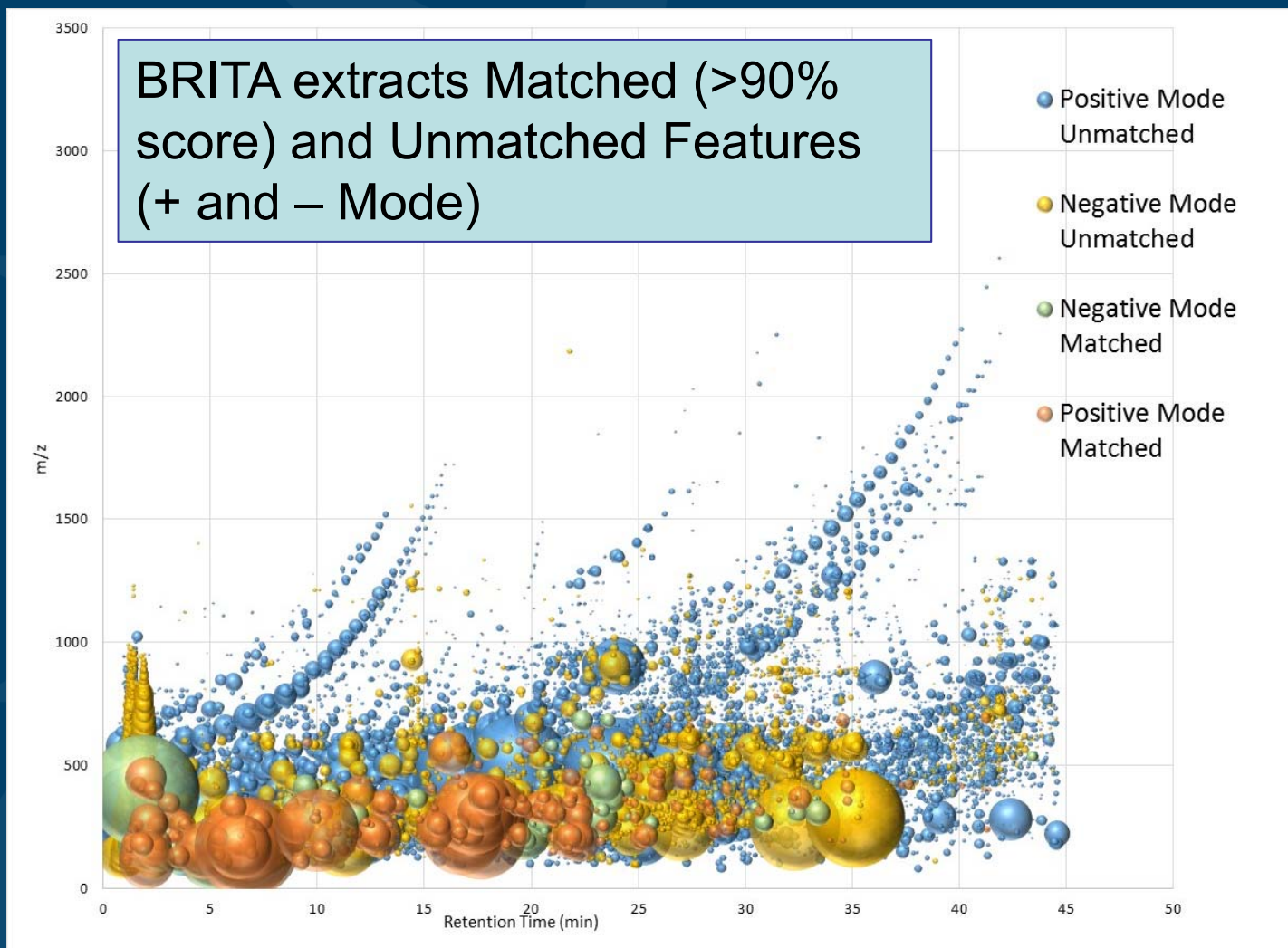


Found on both LC and GC

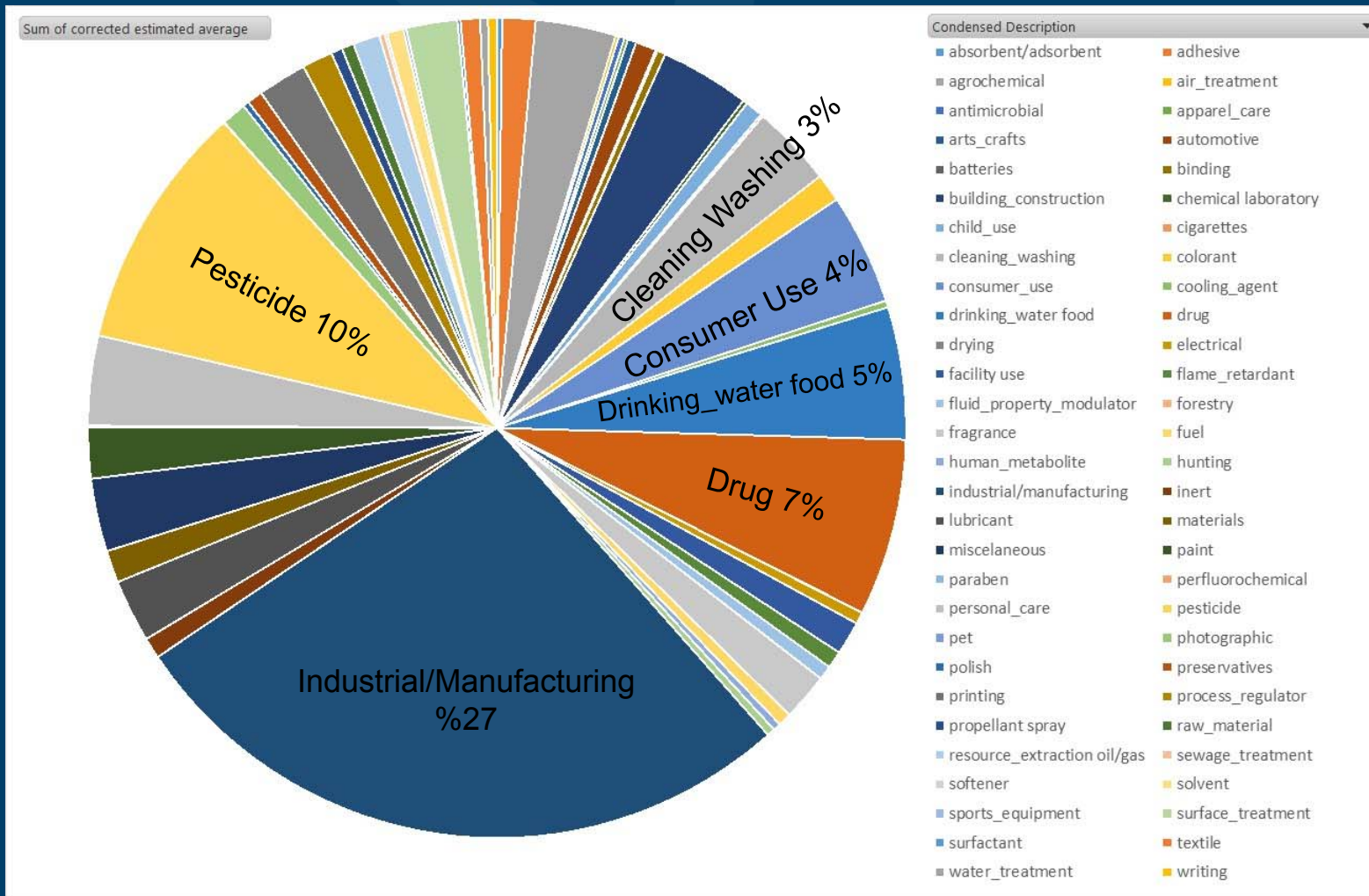
DSSTox Name	NIST name
Methyl decanoate	Methyl ester decanoic acid
2-[2-(2-Butoxyethoxy)ethoxy]ethanol	2-[2-(2-butoxyethoxy)ethoxy]-Ethanol
Tris(2-chloroethyl) phosphate	Tri(2-chloroethyl) phosphate
Triethyl phosphate	Triethyl phosphate
Simazine	6-chloro-N,N'-diethyl-1,3,5-Triazine-2,4-diamine
Atrazine	Atrazine

Chemicals detected that are monitored for in USEPA DW programs

- Atrazine
- Simazine
- PFOS
- PFOA
- PFNA
- PFHxS

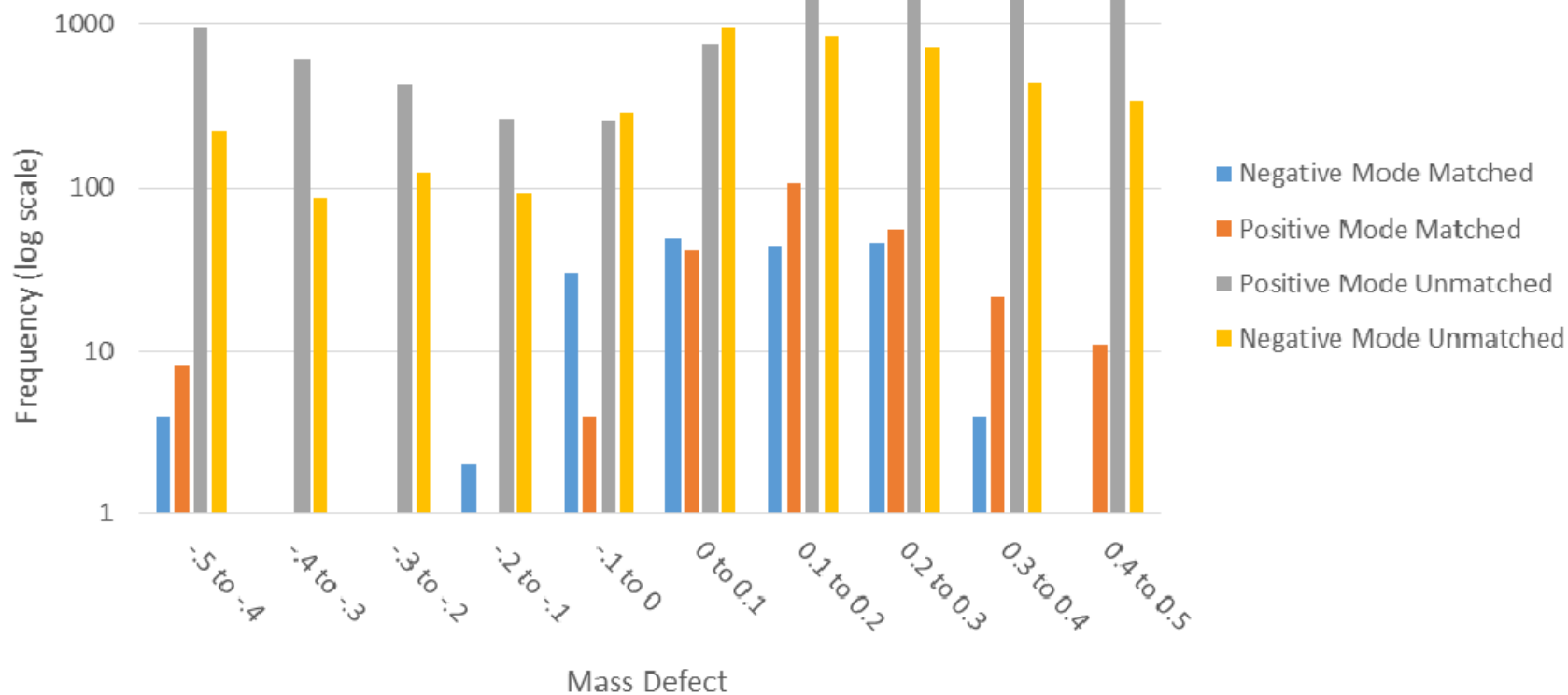


**CPCat:
Chemical and
Product
Categories**



Mass Defect all features Matched and Unmatched

Mass Defect Plot for all Features



Top 25 tentative formulas based on ToxPi scores

Chemical Name	Formula	CAS	ToxPi Rank	DF Rank	Abund. Rank
1,2-Benzisothiazolin-3-one	C7H5NOS	2634-33-5	1	4	
Dichexamethylenecarbamide (2)	C13H24N2O	25991-86-0	2	1	8
1,1,3,3-Tetrabutylurea	C17H36N2O	4559-86-8	3		
2H-Azepin-2-one, 1-(3-aminopropyl) hexahydro- (5)	C9H18N2O	24566-95-8	4	2	4
Tracazolate	C16H24N4O 2	41094-88-6	5	3	6
1,4,7,10-Tetraoxacyclododecane (6)	C8H16O4	294-93-9	6	4	19
(E,Z)-3,13-Octadecadien-1-ol acetate	C20H36O2	53120-26-6	7		
(2-Benzyl-1,3-dioxolan-4-yl)methanol (1)	C11H14O3	29895-73-6	8		
1,2,4-Butanetriol (3)	C4H10O3	3068-00-6	9	6	
TDCPP	C9H15Cl6O4 P	13674-87-8	10		14
Triethyl citrate	C12H20O7	77-93-0	11		
PFOA	C8HF15O2	335-67-1	12	21	
1-Dodecanamine, N,N-dimethyl-, benzoate	C14H31N	68473-31-4	13		
1-Nonanone, 1-(2,5-dihydroxyphenyl)- (1)	C15H22O3	7337-44-2	14		
1-Phenanthrenecarboxylic acid, 1,2,3,4,4a,9,10,10a-octahydro-1,4a-dimethyl-7-(1-methylethyl)-9-oxo-, (1R,4aS,10aR)-	C20H26O3	18684-55-4	15		
1,3-Dioxan-5-ol, 2-(phenylmethyl)-	C11H14O3	4740-79-8	16		
Dodecanoic acid, 2-(2-hydroxyethoxy)ethyl ester	C16H32O4	141-20-8	17	7	
1,3,5-Trioxane, 2,4,6-tripropyl-	C12H24O3	2396-43-2	18		
PFOS	C8HF17O3S	29081-56-9	19	22	
1-[2-(2-Methoxy-1-methylethoxy)-1-methylethoxy]-2-propanol	C10H22O4	20324-33-8	20		
Atrazine	C8H14ClN5	1912-24-9	21	11	18
1-Propanamine, 3-(C11-14-isoalkyloxy) derivs., C13-rich	C16H35NO 9	151789-06- 9	22		
Octadecanoic acid, 26-hydroxy-3,6,9,12,15,18,21,24-octaoxahexacos-1-yl ester	C36H72O11	5349-52-0	23	8	
2-Propenoic acid, 3-(2-furanyl)-, 2-methylpropyl ester	C11H14O3	68480-18-2	24		
2-Ethylhexylparaben	C15H22O3	5153-25-3	25		

Top 25 tentative formulas based on Detection Frequency

Chemical Name	Formula	CAS	ToxPi Rank	DF Rank	Abund. Rank
Dichexamethylenecarbamide (1)	C13H24N2O	25991-86-0	2	1	8
2H-Azepin-2-one, 1-(3-aminopropyl)hexahydro- (5)	C9H18N2O	24566-95-8	4	2	4
Tracazolate	C16H24N4O2	41094-88-6	5	3	6
1,4,7,10-Tetraoxacyclododecane (6)	C8H16O4	294-93-9		4	19
1,2-Benzisothiazolin-3-one	C7H5NOS	2634-33-5	1	5	
1,2,4-Butanetriol (3)	C4H10O3	3068-00-6	8	6	
Dodecanoic acid, 2-(2-hydroxyethoxy)ethyl ester	C16H32O4	141-20-8	16	7	
Octadecanoic acid, 26-hydroxy-3,6,9,12,15,18,21,24-octaoxahehexacos-1-yl ester	C36H72O11	5349-52-0	23	8	
Ethanedithioamide, N,N'-bis(2-hydroxyethyl)-	C6H12N2O2S2	120-86-5		9	
Lipoxin A4	C21H34O5	89663-86-5		10	
Atrazine	C8H14ClN5	1912-24-9	20	11	18
2,4-Heptadecanedione (2)	C17H32O2	64042-18-8		12	
Adiphenine (2)	C20H25NO2	64-95-9		13	
Deethylatrazine	C6H10ClN5	6190-65-4		14	
Octanoic acid, 1,3-propanediyl ester	C19H36O4	56519-71-2		15	
Deferiprone (2)	C7H9NO2	6606-66-2		16	
2-[(4-Chloro-o-tolyl)oxy]-N-methoxyacetamide (1)	C10H12ClNO	1081-53-4		17	
Hexadecanamide, N,N'-1,2-ethanedylbis-	C34H68N2O2	5518-18-3		18	
Hexanedioyl dichloride	C6H8Cl2O2	111-50-2		19	
Sucrose octanoate	C28H50O13	42922-74-7		20	
PFOA	C8HF15O2	335-67-1	11	21	
PFOS	C8HF17O3S	29081-56-9	18	22	
1H-Pyrrole-2-acetic acid, 1-methyl-, ethyl ester (9)	C9H13NO2	49669-45-6		23	12
Piperazinium, 1-cyclopentylidene-4-(ethoxycarbonyl)-, tetrafluoroborate(1-)	C12H21N2O2	99377-81-8		24	22
.beta.-Alanine, N-(2-carboxyethyl)-N-dodecyl-, disodium salt (1)	C18H35NO4	3655-00-3		25	

Top 25 formulas based on Abundance

Chemical Name	Formula	CAS	ToxPi Rank	DF Rank	Abund. Rank
1,1'-Biphenyl, 4-cyclohexyl- (3)	C18H20	3842-58-8			1
2,4,8,10-Tetraoxaspiro[5.5]undecane-3,9-diethanol, .beta.,.beta.,.beta.',.beta.'-tetramethyl-	C15H28O6	1455-42-1			2
1H-Benzotriazole, 5-methyl-, sulfate (2:1) (6)	C7H7N3	67924-12-3			3
2H-Azepin-2-one, 1-(3-aminopropyl)hexahydro- (5)	C9H18N2O	24566-95-8	4	2	4
2,6-Dimethyl morpholine (11)	C6H13NO	141-91-3			5
Tracazolate	C16H24N4O2	41094-88-6	5	3	6
Epoxomicin	C28H50N4O7	134381-21-8			7
Dichexamethylenecarbamide (1)	C13H24N2O	25991-86-0	2	1	8
Phosphonic acid, methyl-, bis[[5-ethyl-2-methyl-2-oxido-1,3,2-dioxaphosphorinan-5-yl)methyl] ester	C15H31O9P3	42595-45-9			9
(E)-beta-Damascone (4)	C14H22	23726-91-2			10
1,1-Methylenebis(4-isocyanatocyclohexane) (1)	C15H22N2O2	5124-30-1			11
1H-Pyrrole-2-acetic acid, 1-methyl-, ethyl ester (9)	C9H13NO2	49669-45-6		23	12
Benzenediazonium, 2,5-diethoxy-4-(4-morpholinyl)-, hexafluorophosphate(1-) (3)	C14H20N3O3	4255-94-1			13
TDCPP	C9H15Cl6O4 P	13674-87-8	9		14
1,3-Propanediamine, N-(3-aminopropyl)-N-methyl-N'-(2-nitrophenyl)-	C13H22N4O2	68039-17-8			15
Pentanoic acid, 3-[2,2-dimethyl-1-oxo-3-[(1-oxopentyl)oxy]propoxy]-2,2-dimethylpropyl ester	C20H36O6	71850-74-3			16
Ethyl 2-[[[2,4(or3,5)-dimethyl-3-cyclohexen-1-yl]methyl]amino]benzoate	C18H25NO2	68228-09-1			17
Atrazine	C8H14ClN5	1912-24-9	20	11	18
1,4,7,10-Tetraoxacyclododecane (6)	C8H16O4	294-93-9		4	19
N,N,N',N',N'',N''-Hexakis(methoxymethyl)-1,3,5-triazine-2,4,6-triamine	C15H30N6O6	3089-11-0			20
beta-Zearalanol (1)	C18H26O5	42422-68-4			21
Azabuperone (1)	C12H21N2O2	99377-81-8		24	22
1-Methyl-4-(4-methylpentyl)cyclohex-3-ene-1-carbaldehyde (12)	C14H24O	66327-54-6			23
Triethyl phosphate	C6H15O4P	78-40-0			24
6-Bromo-5-methylimidazo[4,5-b]pyridine	C7H6BrN3	28279-41-6			25

NTA bubble plot mass defect (-0.2 to 0) example

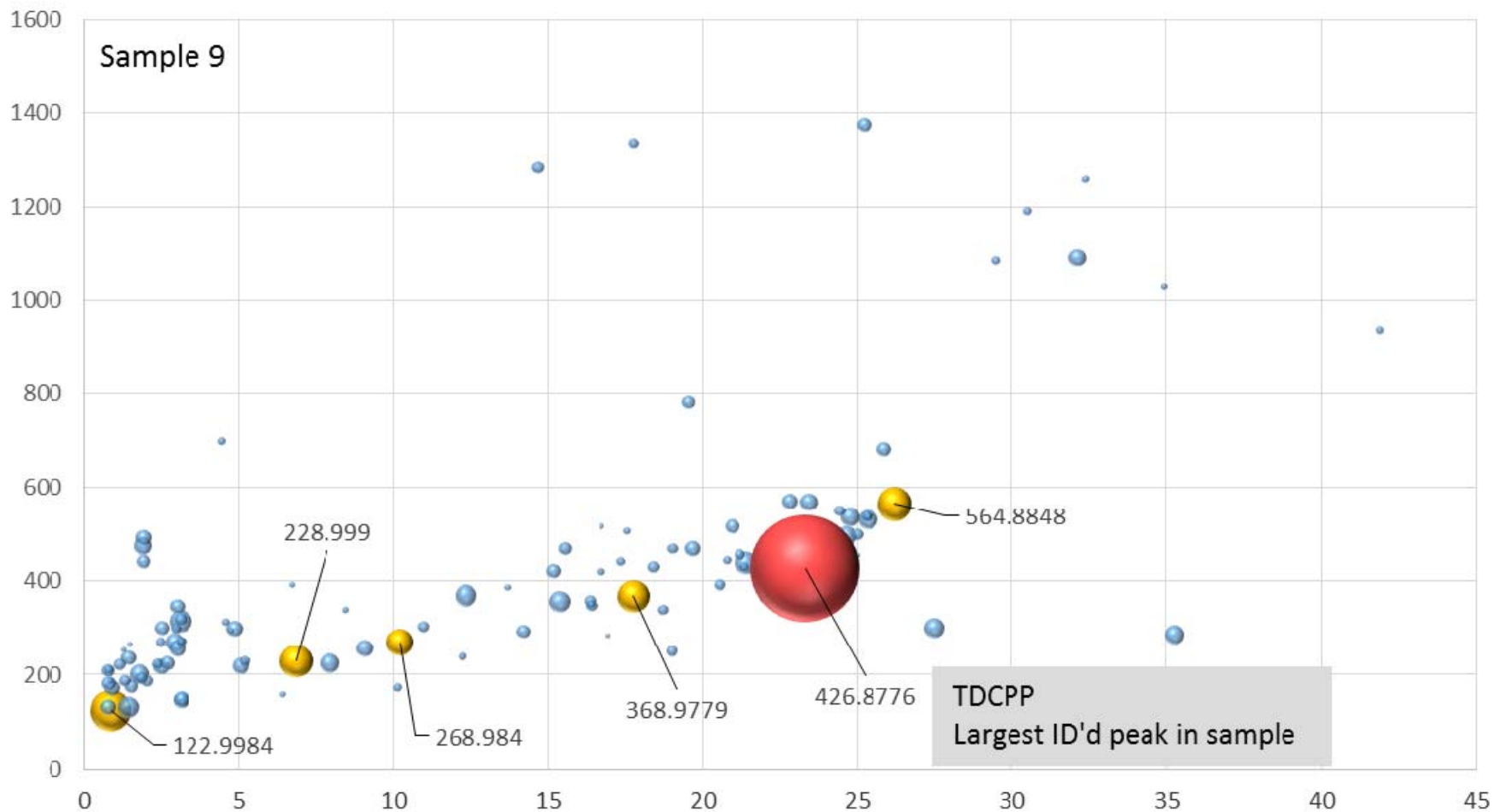
Sample 9
 990 features detected MFE
 517 some % match score
 50 scored >90%

473 features unmatched
 114 features mass defect -0.2 to 0

#	RT	m/z	Vol	% volume	Running Total %	33,844,462	total area
1	0.866	122.9984	2471805	7.30	7.3		
2	26.224	564.8848	1667960	4.93	12.2		
3	6.836	228.999	1624823	4.80	17.0		
4	17.777	368.9779	1510733	4.46	21.5		
5	10.199	268.984	1047183	3.09	24.6		

NTA bubble plot mass defect (-0.2 to 0) example

Neg mode Unmatched Features Mass Defect (-0.2 to 0) n=114



Summary

- BRITA cartridges appear an inexpensive useful media to retain organic contaminants in DW investigation
- LC/TOFMS suspect screening is able to detect 260 unique formulas (856 potential unique chemicals) from DSS-TOX ~33k
- Large majority of the detected features (both numbers and abundance) are unmatched to DSS-TOX
- Additional follow-up investigation of unmatched features and GC/TOFMS are needed to further understand
- Remaining chemical space

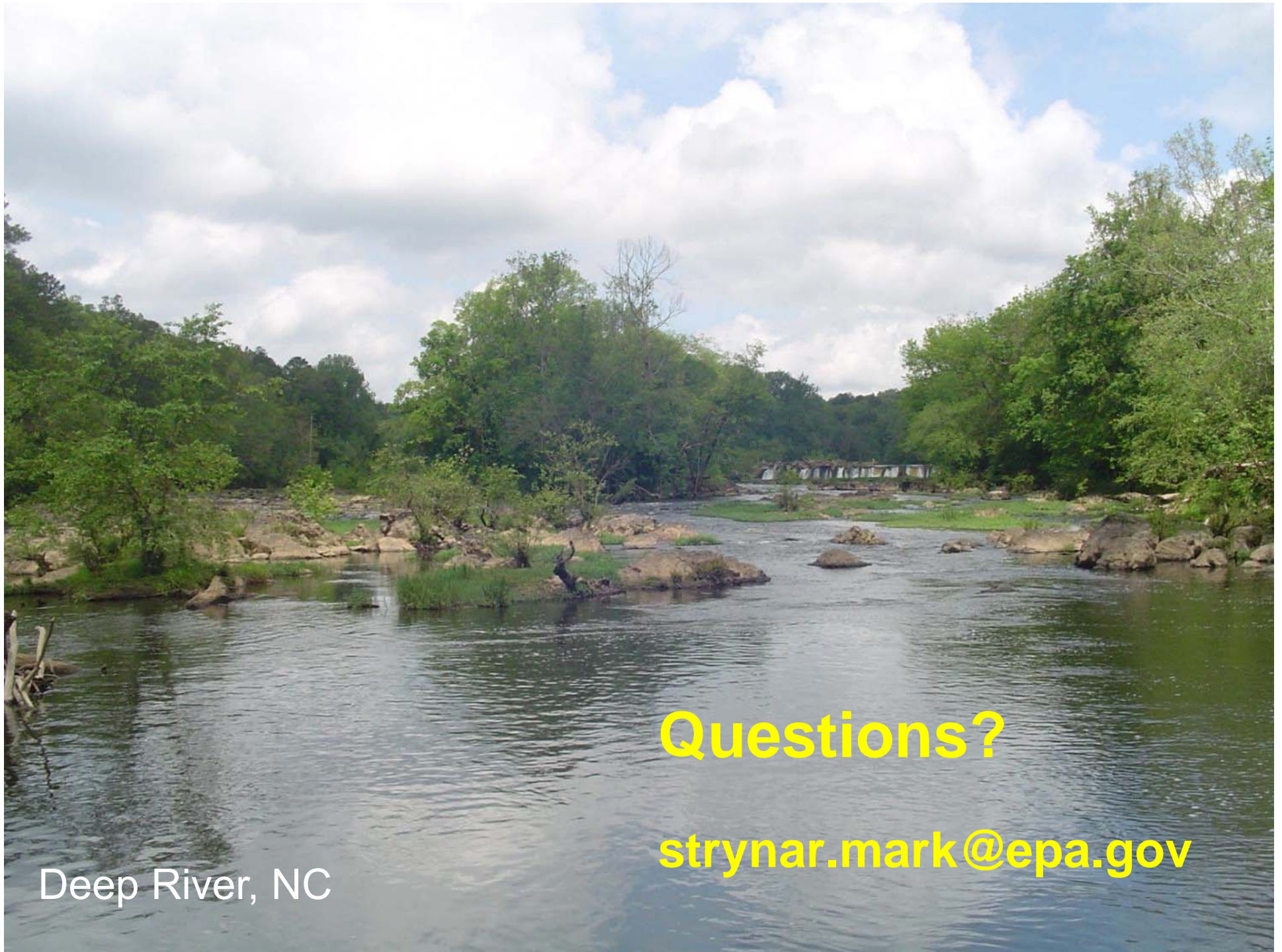
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