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'Next Generation Fingerprinting'

A GC-HR-TOF-MS Method to Semi-Quantify Constituents in Aerosols and Aerosol Fractions

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 - Assessment of silylation
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Existing Fingerprinting Method

- Aerosol sample generated from a smoking machine (ISO)
 - Whole smoke
 - Gas Vapor Phase (GVP)
 - Total Particulate Matter (TPM)

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- Compounds list
- GC columns (HP6890 GC)
 - DB-624: HS-SPME-GC-MS
 - DB-FFAP: GC-MS
 - DB-5-MS: HT-GC-MS
- Detection (MSD5973 MS)
 - Electron ionization mode
 - Full scan (low resolution)

Volatile Chemicals

Non Polar Chemicals

Polar Chemicals (TMS)

Semi-quantification (d_6 -phenol)

Smoke Constituents Targeted in the Previous Method

aliph. Hydrocarbons	aliphatic hydrocarbon-isom.4	propylbenzene	methyl-fluorene	anethol	benzoic acid	isovaleramide-isom.2
1,3-butadiene	unsaturated hydrocarbon-isom.4	C3-alkyl.benzene-isom.1	phenanthrene	methylanisole-isom.1	2-furanecarboxylic acid	4-methyl-pentanamide
isoprene	unsaturated hydrocarbon-isom.5	C3-alkyl.benzene-isom.2	fluoranthene	alcohols (without glycerine)	phenylacetic acid	picolinamide
1,3,5-heptatriene	4,4'-dimethylbiphenyl	C3-alkyl.benzene-isom.3	pyrene	2-methoxyethanol	phenylpropionic acid	glykolamide
1,3,5-cycloheptatriene	aliphatic hydrocarbon-isom.5	styrene	o-heterocycles	2-methoxypropanol	niacine	phenylacetamide
dimethyl-methylenecyclohexene	unsaturated hydrocarbon-isom.6	C3-alkyl.benzene-isom.4	furan	propylenglykole	long-chained acids (>=C8)	N-methyl-nicotinamide
terpene (type:limonene)	unsaturated hydrocarbon-isom.7	2-propenylbenzene	2,5-dimethylfuran	2-furanmethanol	caprylic acid (C8:0)	pyrrole-2-carboxamide
2,7-dimethyl-1,6-octadiene	aliphatic hydrocarbon-isom.6	C4-alkyl.benzene-isom.1	2,4-dimethylfuran	beta-citronellol	decanoic acid(C10:0)	niacinamide
2,6-dimethyl-2,6-octadiene	unsaturated diterpen	C3-alkyl.benzene-isom.5	2,3,5-trimethylfuran	benzylalcohol	dodecanoic acid(C12:0)	hexadecanamide
p-menthene (hydrocarbon-terpene)	unsaturated hydrocarbon (ca. C25)	C4-alkyl.benzene-isom.2	vinylfuran	beta-ionol	myristic acid (C14:0)	O-methyl-N-methylcarbamate
1-undecene	unsaturated hydrocarbon-isom.8	C4-alkyl.benzene-isom.3	2-vinyl-5-methylfuran	farnesol-s		
trimethylheptatriene	unsaturated hydrocarbon-isom.9	C4-alkyl.benzene-isom.4	benzofuran	glycerine-		
methyl-methyleneoctadiene	heptacosane (C27H56)	methyl-styrene-isom.1	methylbenzofuran	glycerine		
beta-myrcene	aliphatic hydrocarbon-isom.7	C3-alkyl.benzene-isom.6	1,3-dihydroisobenzofurane	farnesol-is		
limonene	2-methyloctacosane(C29H60)	C4-alkyl.benzene-isom.5	2,3-dihydrobenzofurane	geranylin		
dodecane	aliphatic hydrocarbon-isom.8	methyl-styrene-isom.2	steroids derivatives	cis-phytol		
dodecene	aliphatic hydrocarbon-isom.9	ethylbenzene		stigmastrolacetate		
2,7-dimethyl-1,3,6-octatriene	aliphatic hydrocarbon (ca. C30H62)	C4-alkyl.benzene-isom.6	beta-sitosterolacetate	farnesol s		
tridecane	triacontane(C30H62)	propenylbenzene	esters + ethers (without triacetine)	isomentho		
aliphatic hydrocarbon-isom.1	2-methyltriacontane(C31H64)	propenyltoluene-isom.1	3-butenic acid methyl ester	phytylboro		
1,3,8-p-menthatriene	unsaturated hydrocarbon-isom.11	propenyltoluene-isom.2	2-propenylformate	sugars,		
aliphatic hydrocarbon-isom.2	unsaturated hydrocarbon-isom.12	indene	isoamylbutyrate	dianhydro		
aliphatic hydrocarbon-isom.3	hentriacontane(C31H64)	methyl-indene-isom.1	glycoldiacetate	3,4-anhydro		
copaene	aliphatic hydrocarbon-isom.10	methyl-indene-isom.2	geranylacetate	levoglucos		
pentadecane	aliphatic hydrocarbon (C32H66)	methyl-indene-isom.3	benzylacetate	short-ch. + ar. Acids	3-methylbutanenitrile	3-methyl-2-butenal
1-pentadecene	aliphatic hydrocarbon-isom.11	dimethylindene-isom.1	dimethylsuccinate	acetic acid	crotonnitrile	2-hexenal
1-methylcyclooctene	2-methyldotriacontane(C33H68)	azulene	triacetine	formic acid	4-methyl-pentanenitrile	2,4-hexadienal
unsaturated hydrocarbon-isom.1	aliphatic hydrocarbon (C33H68)	dimethylindene-isom.2	methylpalmitate	propionic acid	2-ethylideneamino-propionnitrile	furfural
1-hexadecene	unsaturated hydrocarbon-isom.13	ethylindene	glycerin-diacetate	2-methyl-propionic acid	benzonitrile	1-(2-furanyl)-ethanone
sesquiterpene(unsaturated KW)	beta-caryophyllene	naphthalene	ethylpalmitate	butyric acid	tolunitrile-isom.1	benzaldehyde
heptadecane	alpha-caryophyllene	trimethylindene	methylstearate	acrylic acid	tolunitrile-isom.2	methylimidazole-carboxaldehyde
farnesene	arom. Hydrocarbons	2-methylnaphthalene	6-acetoxy-2,7,11-cembratriene	2-/3-methylbutyric acid	nicotinonitrile	5-methyl-2-furfural
unsaturated hydrocarbon-isom.2	toluene	1-methylnaphthalene	methyl-pyrogutamate	isocrotonic acid	benzylitrile	tolualdehyde
delta-cadinene	ethylbenzene	dimethylnaphthalene	benzyl benzoate	crotonic acid	amides	cinnamaldehyde
3,7,11,15-tetramethyl-2-hexadecene	xylene-isom.1	biphenyl	muskalactone	3-methyl-valeric acid	acetamide	p-ethylbenzaldehyde
neophytadiene	xylene-isom.2	methyl-biphenyl	methyl-salicylate	capronic acid (C6:0)	propionamide	acetaldehyde
unsaturated hydrocarbon-isom.3	isopropylbenzene	trimethylnaphthalene	1,1-dimethyl-2-phenylethylbutyrate	2-methyl-crotonic acid	isovaleramide-isom.1	trimethoxy-acetophenone(Ga
1,4-eicosadiene	xylene-isom.3	fluorene	triethylcitrate	sorbic acid	acrylamide	

Broad chemical diversity
categorized in chemical families
... but
smoke constituents were not
well defined

A time consuming curation of smoke constituents was required to register every compound as Unique Compound Spectral Database (UCSD)

Martin et al. Building an R&D chemical registration system, J. Cheminformatics 2012, 4:11.



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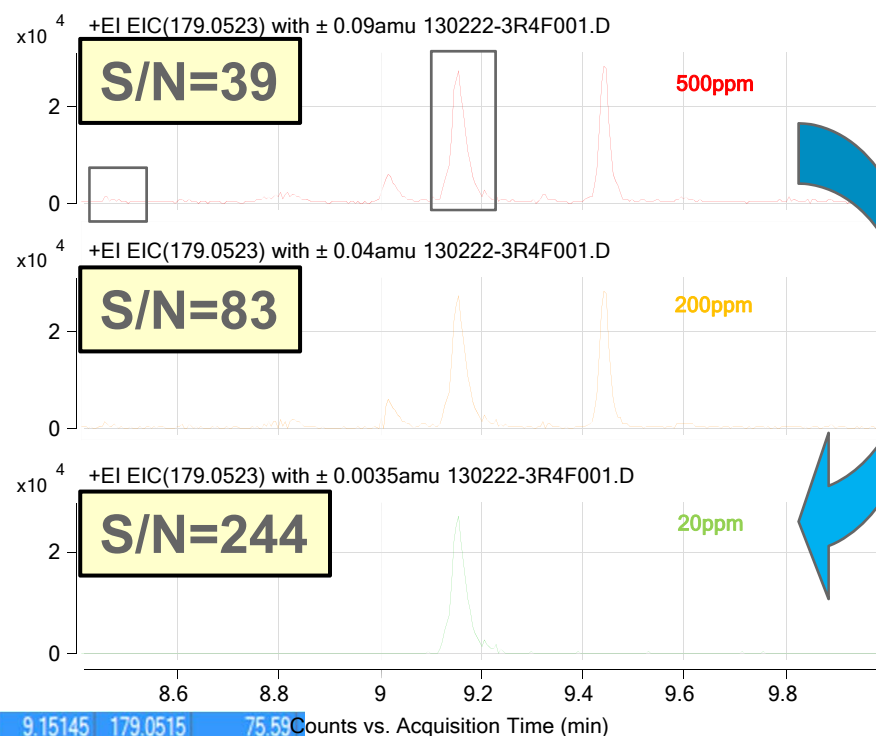
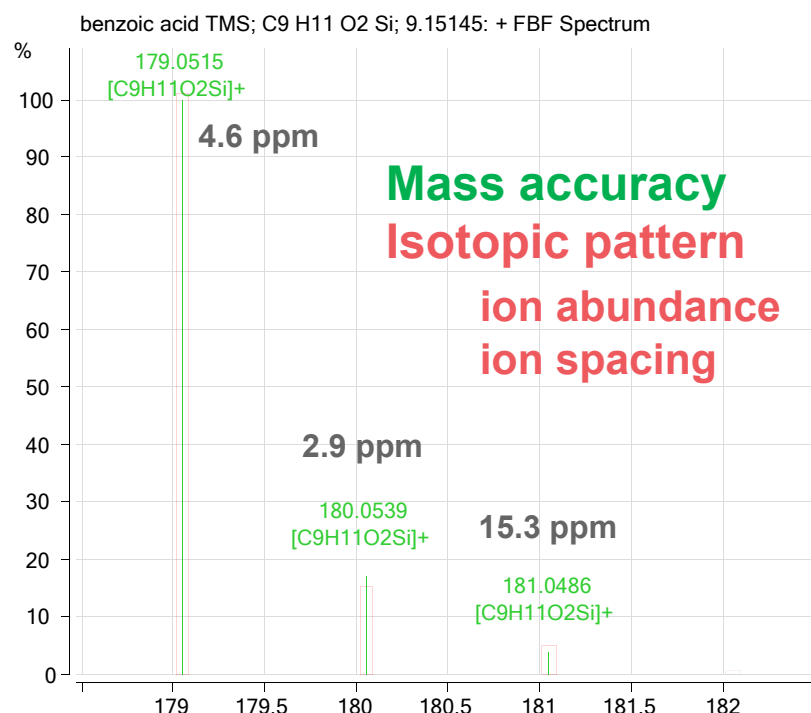
Next Generation Fingerprinting: Practical Considerations

- Smoke constituents (SC) to monitor:
 - Unique identified compounds
 - List of chemicals & chemical compounds identified by FDA* as Harmful & Potential Harmful Constituents (HPHCs) in tobacco products & tobacco smoke (n=72 out of 93)
 - Reported compounds in tobacco plant and tobacco smoke
 - Flavor compounds
 - GC (7890A)
 - DB-624: HS-SPME-GC-MS Volatile chemicals
 - DB-5-MS: GC-MS Non-polar and Polar chemicals (TMS)
 - DB-FFAP: HT-GC-MS
 - MS detection (7200 Agilent Q-TOF)
 - Electron ionization mode
 - Full scan - Low resolution → High Resolution, Mass Accuracy
- Semi-quantification (several ISs)

*FDA: Federal Register / Vol. 77, No. 64 / Tuesday, April 3, 2012 / Notices, 20034-20037



The Impact of use of High Resolution MS Instrument



	28	benzoic acid TMS		C9 H11 O2 Si	9.15145	179.0515	75.59
Best	ID Source	Name	Formula	Score	Score (RT)	RT Diff	Diff (ppm)
	FBF	benzoic acid TMS	C9 H11 O2 Si	75.59	0.27	0.279	4.72
m/z	Species	Score (MS)	Score (mass)	Score (iso. abund)	Score (iso. spacing)	Height	
179.0515	M+	94.42	92.39	94.65	96.9	12673.8	
m/z (Calc)	m/z	Diff (ppm)	Height	Height (Calc)	Height %	Height % (Calc)	Height Sum
179.0523	179.0515	4.62	12550.7	12673.8	100	100	
180.0544	180.0539	2.85	2134.9	1903.2	17	15	
181.0514	181.0486	15.26	488.2	596.9	3.9	4.7	

Sensitivity 📈

Confidence level 📈



Analysis of Reference Compounds

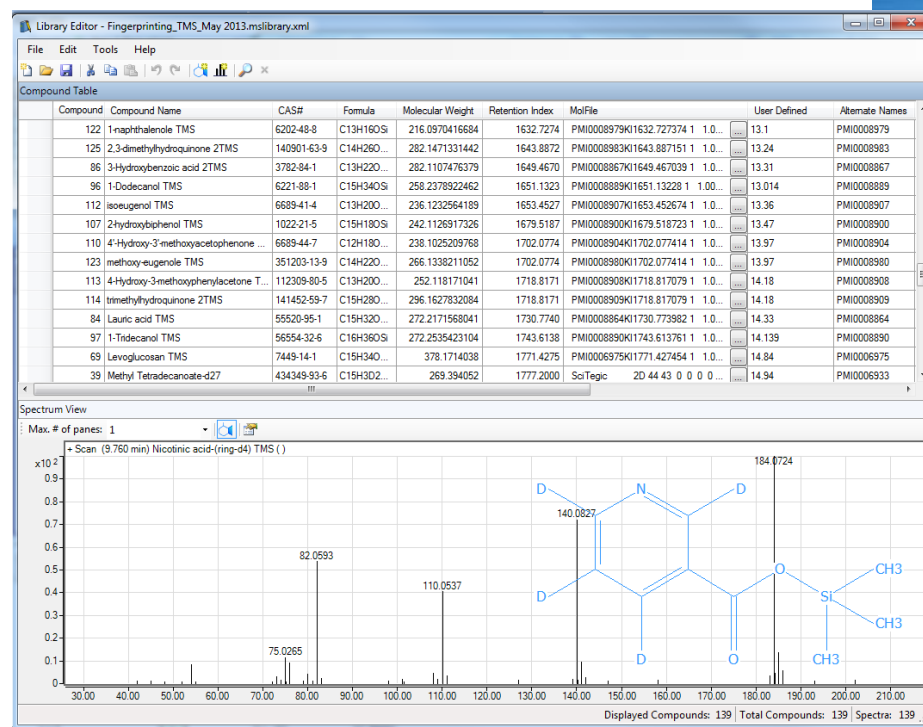
Reference standards ordered (n~600 + 63 ISs)

- Chemical registration within UCSD → unique PMI code
- GC-EI-HR-MS (DB-5) with silylation (BSTFA)
- GC-EI-HR-MS (DB-5) without silylation
- HS-GC-EI-HR-MS (DB-624)
- Assignment of EI HR mass spectrum – reference chemical

→ n=360 standards
→ n=182 standards
→ n= 60 standards

- Uploading of HR EI mass spectra in UCSD (unique SpecID)
- Building MS library specific to experimental conditions

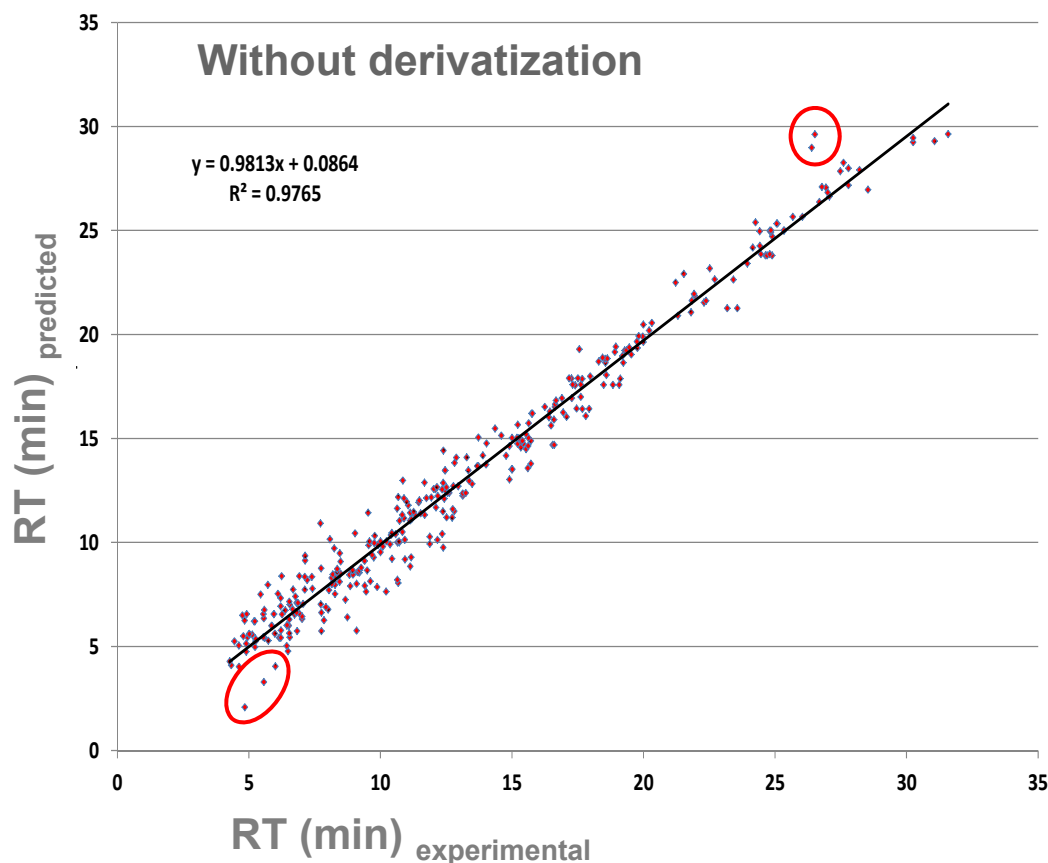
- Absolute Retention Time
- Retention Index
- EI mass spectrum
- Mol file,...



Building Statistical Prediction Model of Retention Time from Reference compounds on a DB-5-MS GC column

QSPR (structure-based) modeling was used to predict RT of compounds (Dragon)

- Training set:
n=116 reference compounds
10 chemical descriptors
 $r^2 = 0.986$
- Test set:
n=56 reference compounds
 $r^2 = 0.979$
- Total external Validation set:
n=346 reference compounds
 $r^2 = 0.9765$
Median dev. = -8 sec
Min = -3.3 min
Max = +3.2 min

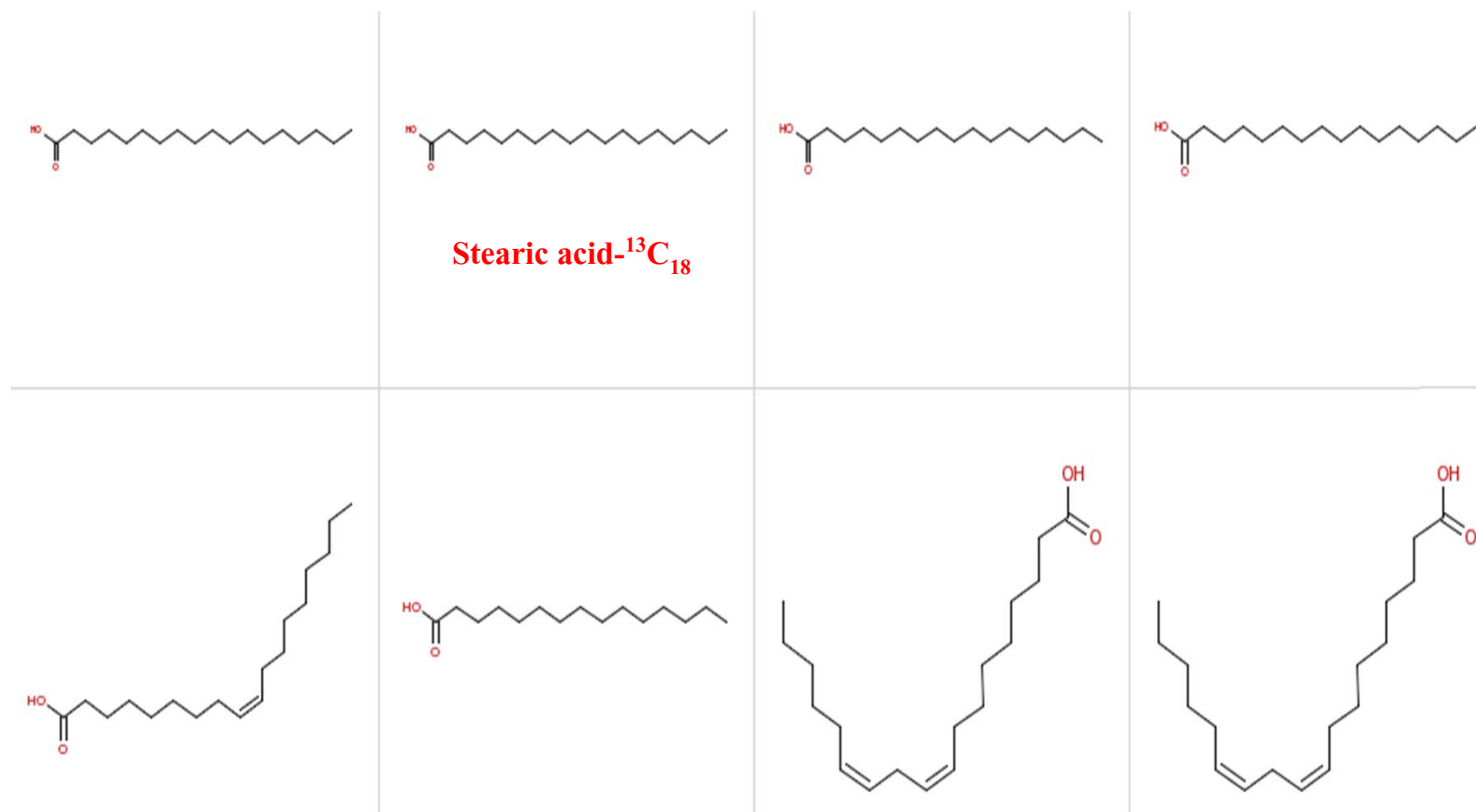


**Very good prediction model was obtained from a set of broadly diverse reference compounds.
Same model was used to predict over 900 components.**

Clustering approaches to select appropriate internal standards

- Fingerprinting method should be high throughput
 - No calibration curve
 - Concentration estimated from an adequate IS (spiking addition)
- Clustering approach was used to select appropriate internal standards (Accelrys Pipeline Pilot 8.5)
- Adequate selection of IS is based on:
 - Similar physicochemical properties (i.e., logP, number of rotational bonds, polar surface area, volatility...)
- Smoke constituents were clustered into chemical families so that
 - At least one isotopically labeled IS (cluster center) was purchased for each cluster

Example: Cluster of Long Chain Fatty Acids



Selection of isotopically labeled internal standard was made from Central Euclidian distance value & commercial availability

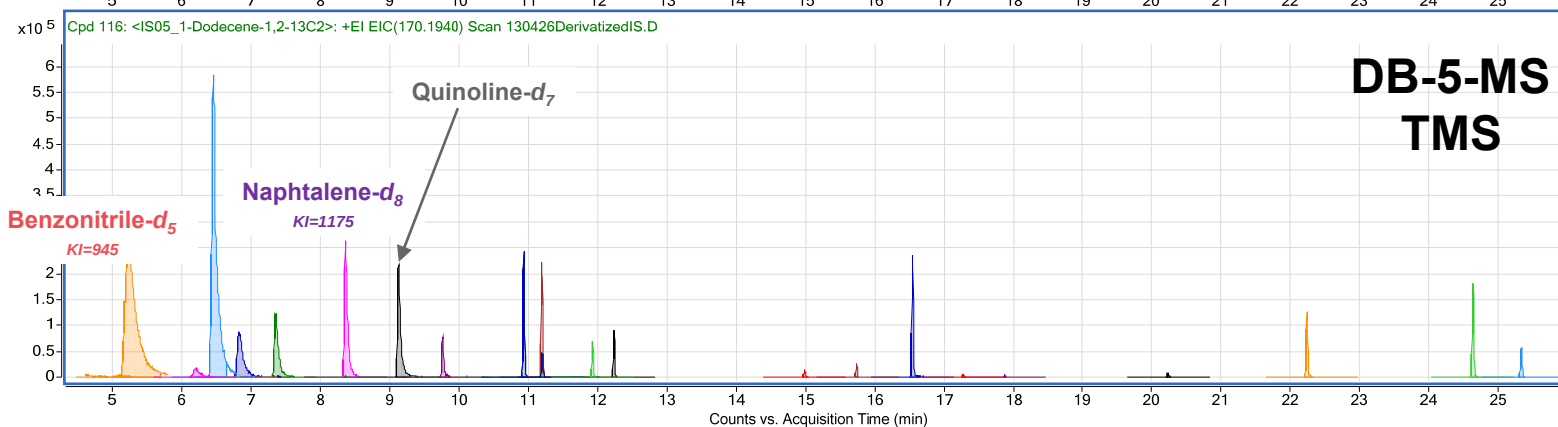
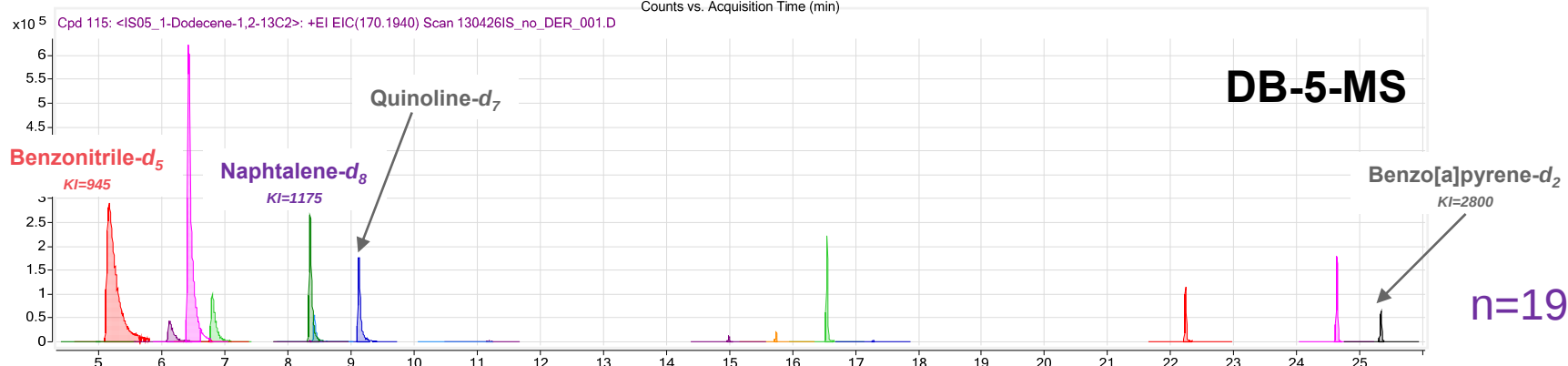
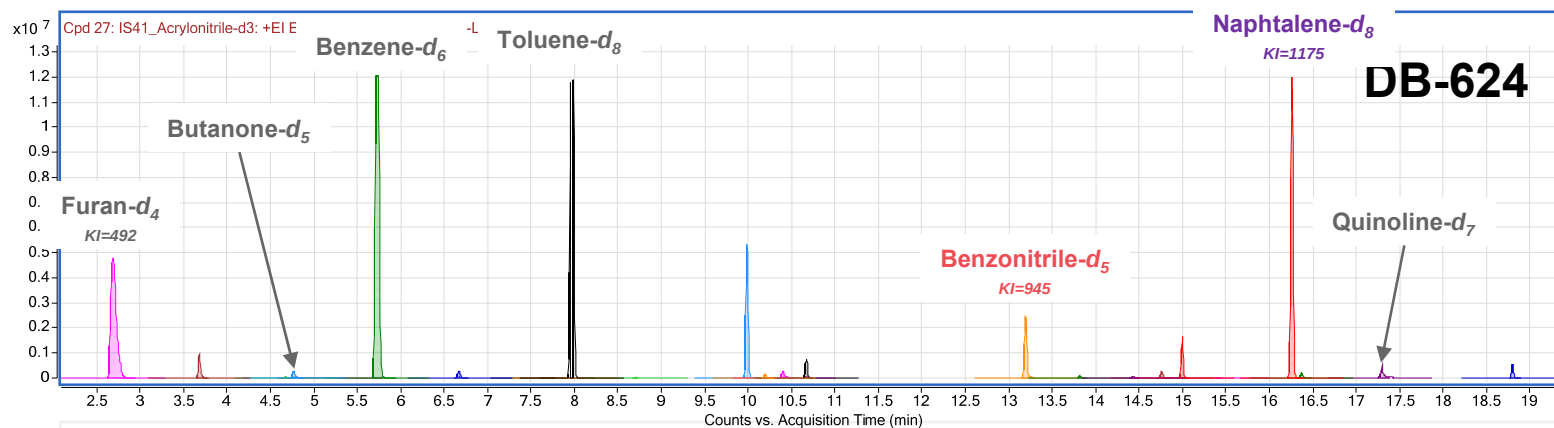
Clustering approach to improve semi-quantification

- Selection of 1 or 2 internal standards (IS) per cluster : **63** IS were purchased (from which **19** IS are present in the FDA list)
- Determination of semi-quantitative compound concentrations in relation to their respective internal standard
- Compensation for compound degradation issues (stability, partial silylation,...) was best by selecting adequate IS from the same cluster

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K
		Name	Class	PMICODE	SMILES	MOLFORMULA	Cluster	DistanceToClosest	ClusterCenter	Predicted RT (min)	ClusterSize
38	38	1,4-eicosadiene	aliph. Hydrocarbons	PMI0000005	CCCCCCCCCCCCC/C=C/CC=C	C20 H38	3	0.598632979	0	17.72	12
39	31	heptadecane	aliph. Hydrocarbons	PMI0000067	CCCCCCCCCCCCCCCC	C17 H36	3	0.611239758	0	14.62	12
40	36	nonobutadiene	aliph. Hydrocarbons	PMI0000070	CC(C)CCCC(C)CCCC(C)CCCC=C	C20 H38	3	0.630227377	0	15.22	12
645		eicosanoic acid	long chain Fatty Acids (>=C15)	PMI0000329	CCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCC(=O)O	C20 H40 O2	5	0	5	20.9	8
2	197	stearic acid (C18:0)	long chain Fatty Acids (>=C15)	PMI0000166	CCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCC(=O)O	C18 H36 O2	5	0.144818919	0	19.4	8
3	196	heptadecanoic acid (C17:0)	long chain Fatty Acids (>=C15)	PMI0000165	CCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCC(=O)O	C17 H34 O2	5	0.217228378	0	18.04	8
4	195	palmitic acid (C16:0)	long chain Fatty Acids (>=C15)	PMI0000164	CCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCC(=O)O	C16 H32 O2	5	0.289637837	0	17	8
5	198	oleic acid (C18:1)	long chain Fatty Acids (>=C15)	PMI0000167	CCCCCCC/C=C\CCCCCCCC(=O)O	C18 H34 O2	5	0.316505227	0	19.16	8
6	194	pentadecanoic acid (C15:0)	long chain Fatty Acids (>=C15)	PMI0000163	CCCCCCCCCCCCCCC(=O)O	C15 H30 O2	5	0.362113201	0	15.9	8
7	199	linolic acid(C18:2)	long chain Fatty Acids (>=C15)	PMI0000168	CCCC/C=C/C/C/C=C\CCCCCCCC(=O)O	C18 H32 O2	5	0.388127838	0	19.23	8
200		linolenic acid (C18:3)	long chain Fatty Acids (>=C15)	PMI0000169	CC/C=C/C/C=C/C=C\CCCCCCCC(=O)O	C18 H30 O2	5	0.51606665	0	19.23	8
49	117	pyrene	arom. Hydrocarbons	PMI0000098	c1cc2ccc3cccc4c3c2c1cc4	C16 H10	12	0	12	7.65	54



GC-EI-HR-MS of Internal Standards (n=63)



Good coverage of retention times



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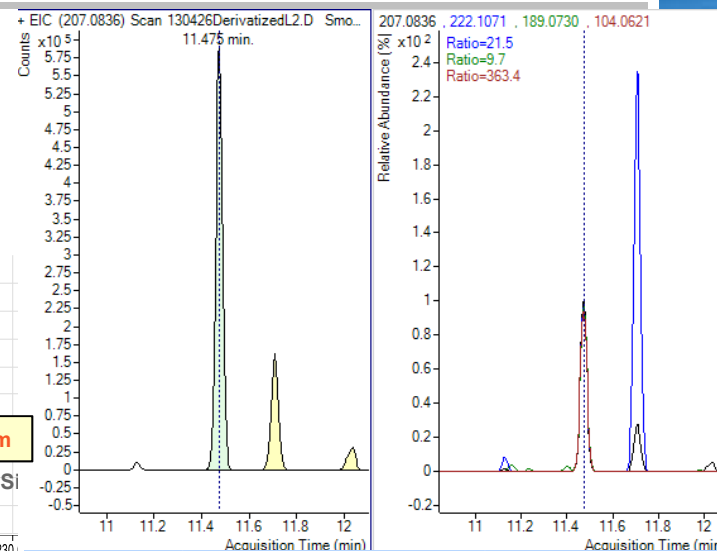
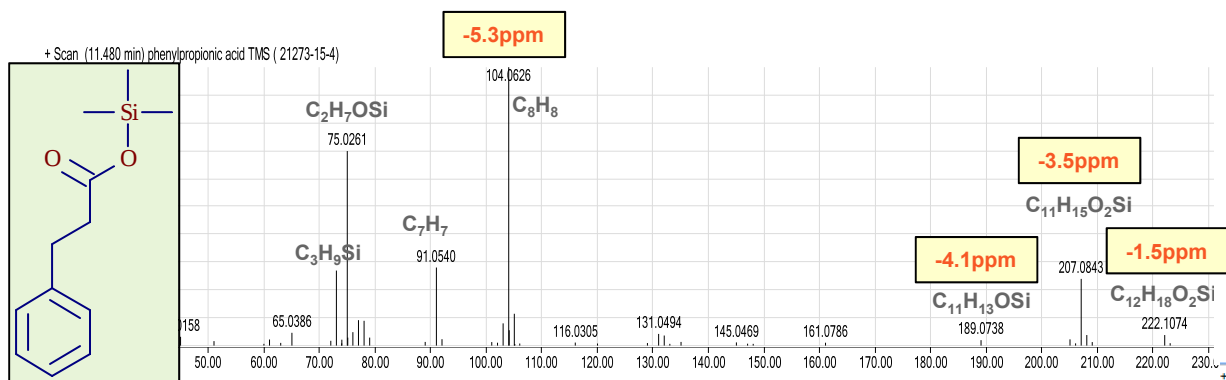
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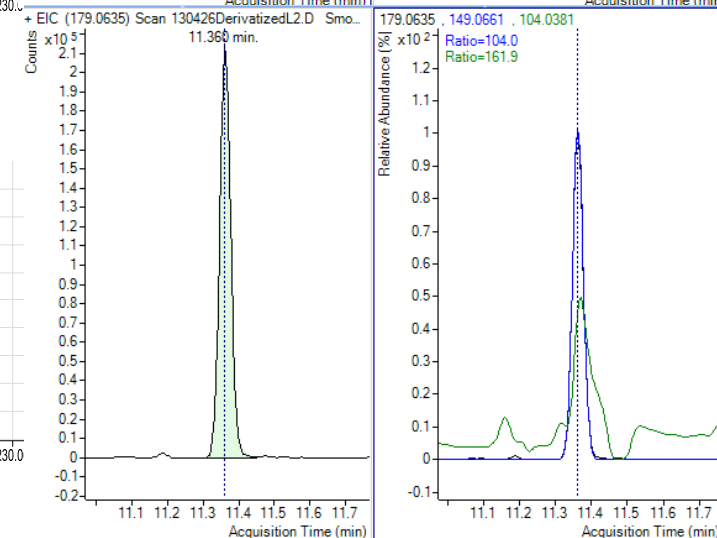
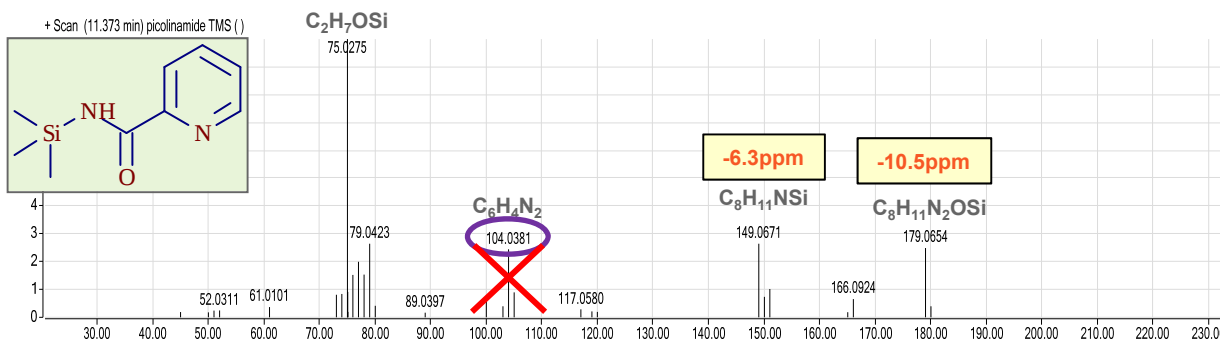


Quantitative Aspect: Importance of Qualifier ions

Phenylpropionic acid-TMS



Picolinamide-TMS



Ions highlighted in yellow were extracted for the semi-quantification

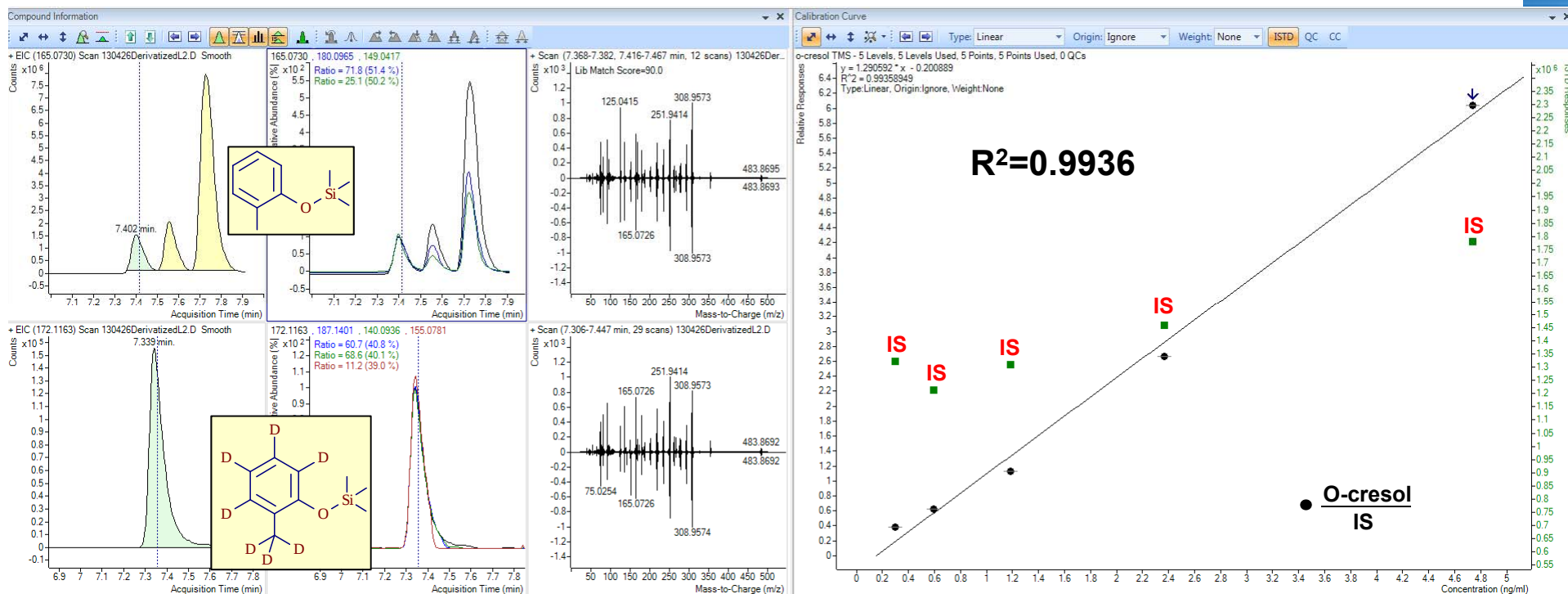


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Case Study: Cresol Isomers

o-Cresol

RT shift 0.11%				Library Match Score Average: 78%.2ppm				Mass Accuracy o-cresol -4.9ppm				Mass Accuracy o-cresol -2.8ppm				Mass Accuracy o-cresol-d ₈ -4.8ppm				Mass Accuracy o-cresol-d ₈ -4.4ppm				Mass Accuracy o-cresol-d ₈ +0.6ppm			
o-cresol TMS Results								Qualifier (180.0965) Res...				Qualifier (149.0417) Res...				Qualifier (187.1401) Re...				Qualifier (140.0936) Re...				Qualifier (155.0781) R...			
RT	Accuracy	Area	Calc. Conc.	Library Match Score	Mass Accuracy	Area	Mass Accuracy	Area	Mass Accuracy	Area	Mass Accuracy	Area	Mass Accuracy	Area	Mass Accuracy	Area	Mass Accuracy	Area	Mass Accuracy	Area	Mass Accuracy	Area	Mass Accuracy				
7.399	153.9	272920	0.4559	66.9	-4.9840	171194	-5.3805	68214	-0.8435	33153	-4.6461	386800	-4.5267	66785	1.2703												
7.409	108.1	373585	0.6408	71.3	-5.5543	281220	-5.0604	105179	-3.1423	304238	-4.7049	353169	-4.7734	59152	1.3921												
7.395	86.9	716723	1.0302	78.7	-4.0376	558650	-4.2589	201484	-2.5614	322816	-4.7313	380060	-4.6442	65365	2.8279												
7.416	93.6	2380645	2.2193	87.1	-7.2401	1055578	-4.0991	448316	-4.1611	380325	-5.5089	426430	-4.5011	71464	0.2721												
7.402	102.1	5463737	4.8390	90.0	-4.0990	3923058	-5.5639	1371337	-3.2790	449155	-4.6438	507820	-3.6561	82651	-2.7396												

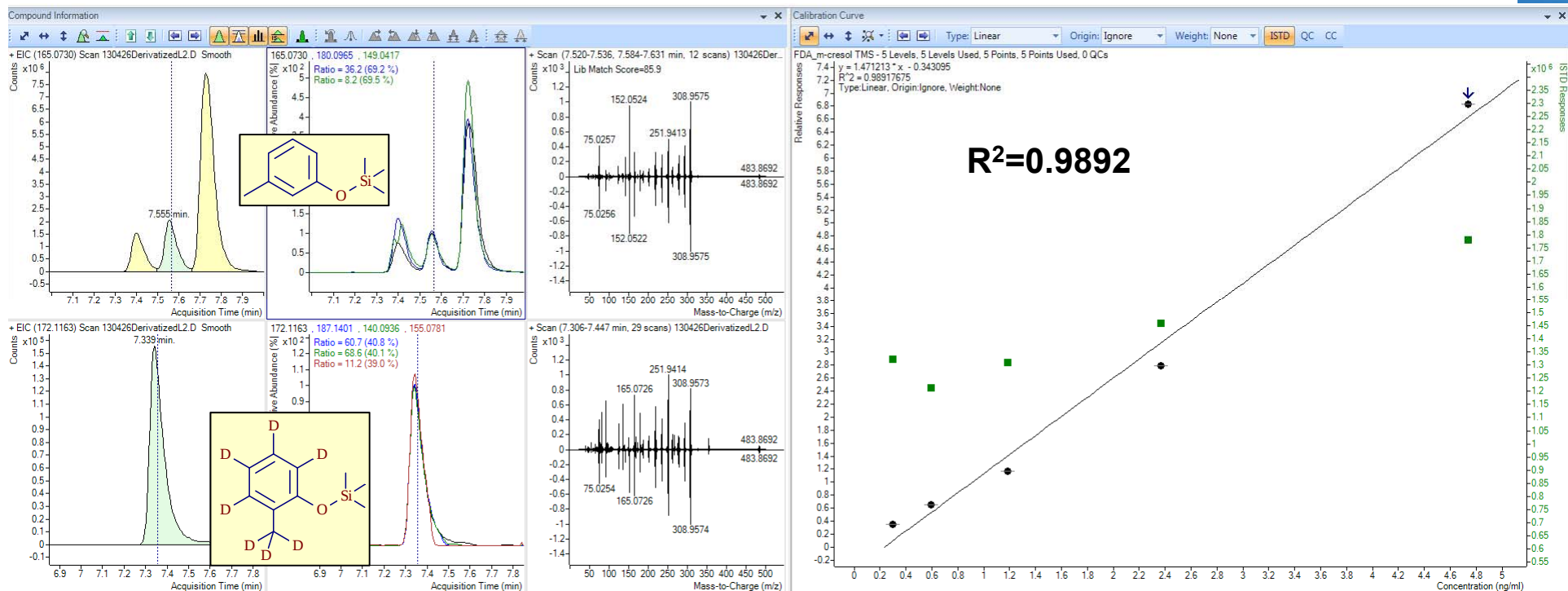


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m-Cresol

Mass Accuracy																	
RT shift		Library Match Score				<i>m</i> -Cresol				<i>o</i> -Cresol- <i>d</i> ₈							
0.11%		Average: 70%				-4.8ppm		-4.6ppm		-8.2ppm							
FDA_m-cresol TMS Results						Qualifier (180.0965) Re...		Qualifier (149.0417) Re...		Qualifier (187.1401) Re...		Qualifier (140.0936) Re...		Qualifier (155.0781) R...			
RT	Accuracy	Area	Calc. Conc.	Library Match Score	Mass Accuracy	Area	Mass Accuracy	Area	Mass Accuracy	Area	Mass Accuracy	Area	Mass Accuracy	Area	Mass Accuracy		
7.552	160.5	339547	0.4757	57.7	-5.2242	114394	-5.2844	17729		331537	-4.6461	386800	-4.5267	66785	1.2703		
7.567	114.2	563434	0.6767	60.6	-4.7209	190705	-4.5788	37914		304238	-4.7049	353165	-4.7734	59152	1.3921		
7.548	86.4	1079822	1.0236	70.1	-3.5166	368591	-4.3676	73235	14.7864	322816	-4.7313	380060	-4.6442	65369	2.8279		
7.564	89.8	3032648	2.1291	76.5	-5.5059	832621	-4.2079	203001	5.0035	380325	-5.5089	426430	-4.5011	71464	0.2721		
7.555	102.9	8427563	4.8800	85.9	-5.1211	3046810	-4.5390	693679	4.7681	449155	-4.6438	507820	-3.6561	82651	-2.7396		



Very good chromatography separation
Reliable automatic peak integration



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Mass Accuracy

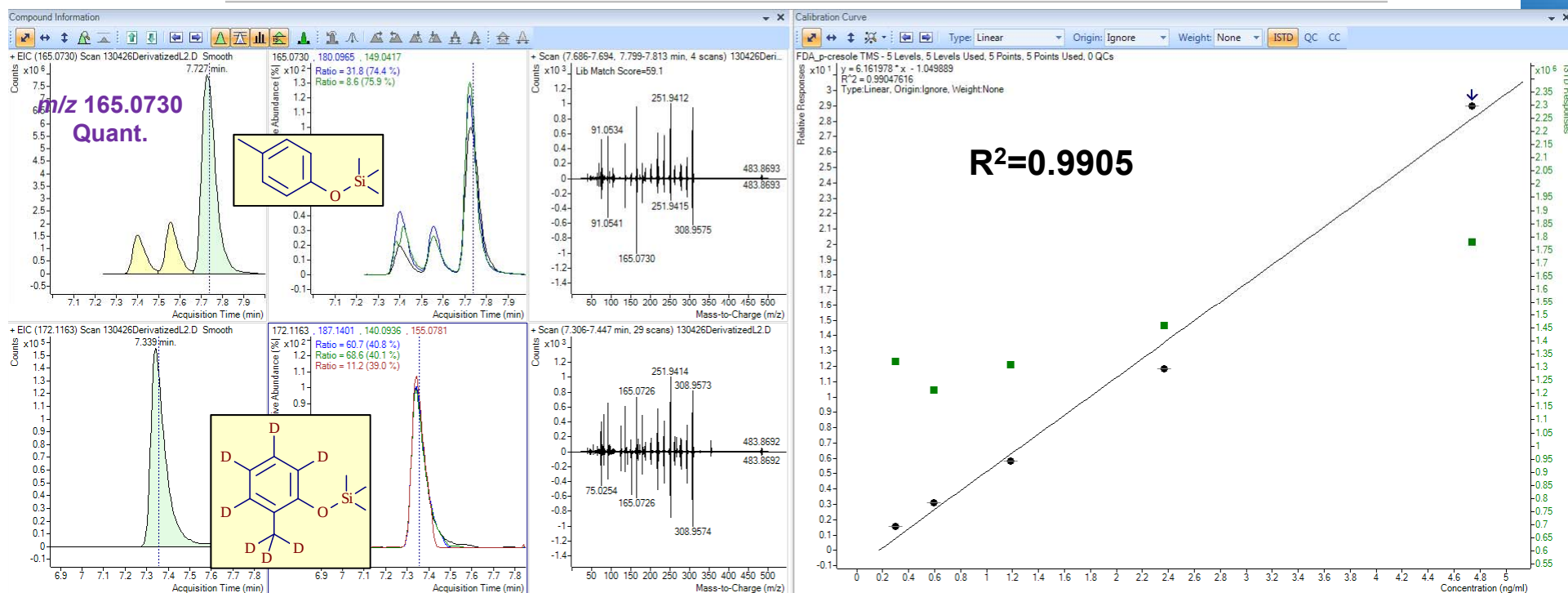
RT shift 0.11%

Library Match Score Average: 57% 5.1ppm

p-cresol -4.6ppm -3.2ppm

o-cresol-*d*₈

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RT	Accuracy	Area	Calc. Conc.	Library Match Score	Mass Accuracy	Area	Mass Accuracy	Area	Mass Accuracy	Area	Mass Accuracy	Area	Mass Accuracy	Area	Mass Accuracy
7.720	144.5	1598784	0.4281	50.9	-6.3749	393860	-5.1961	107200	-2.6071	331537	-4.6461	386800	-4.5267	66785	1.2703
7.734	113.1	2905709	0.6702	56.1	-6.2962	657830	-4.5491	175185	-2.1371	304238	-4.7049	353165	-4.7734	59152	1.3921
7.720	94.2	5715028	1.1162	60.7	-3.7175	1557736	-4.5401	353181	-3.7311	322816	-4.7313	380060	-4.6442	65369	2.8279
7.737	88.2	12508184	2.0909	61.3	-5.0819	3921429	-4.3371	830498	-2.9071	380325	-5.5089	426430	-4.5011	71464	0.2721
7.727	102.9	36785631	4.8798	59.1	-3.9370	11711031	-4.1451	3154194	-4.6171	449155	-4.6438	507820	-3.6561	82651	-2.7396



Very good chromatography separation

Reliable automatic peak integration using MassHunter software



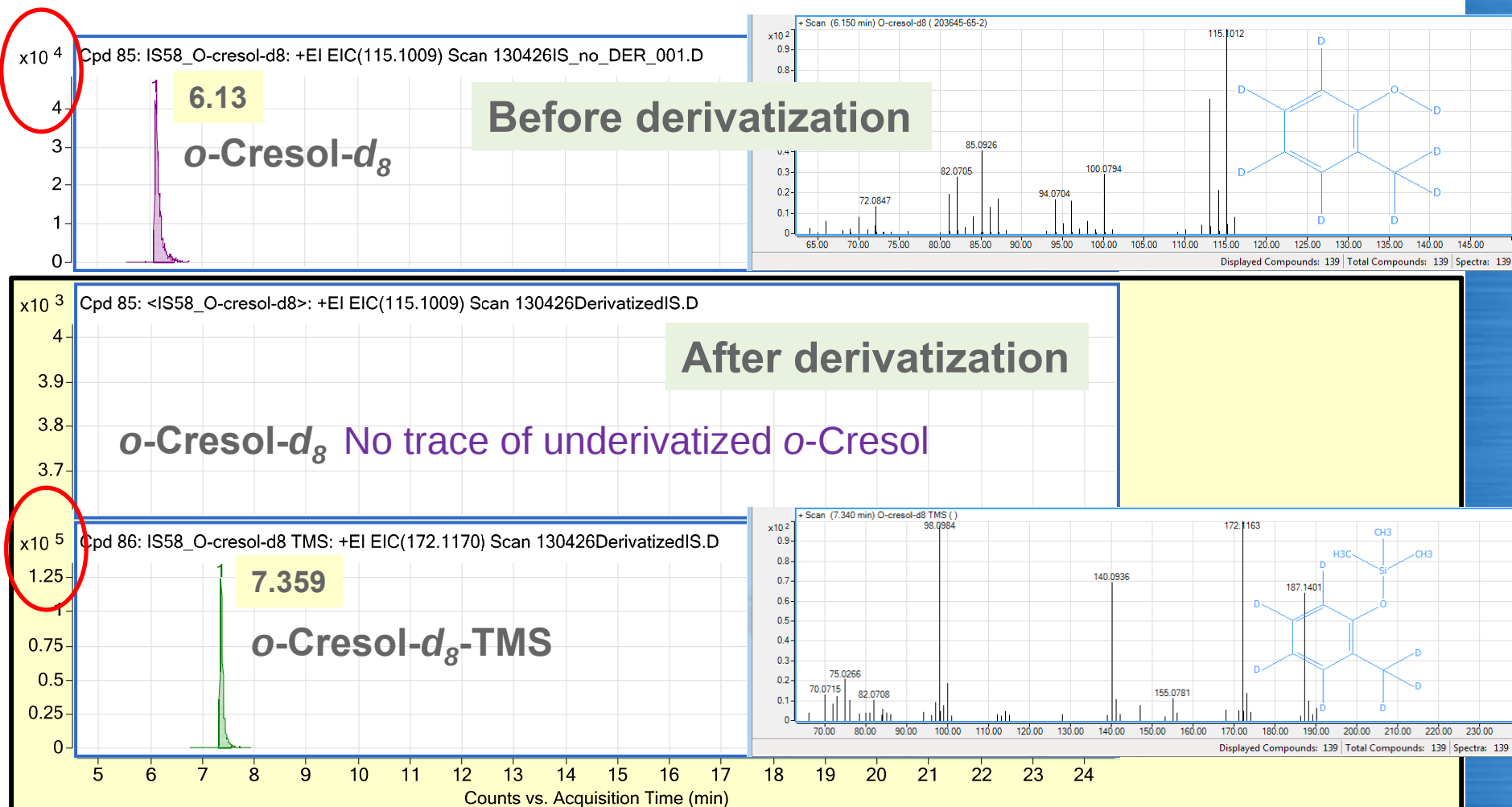
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Key Consideration for Semi-Quantification

- Need to have a good chromatographic separation to resolve:
 - Isomers issue
 - Peak deconvolution
- Selection of characteristic for Quantifier & Qualifier ions
- Robustness due to usage of both Retention Times & Retention Index
- Assessment of linearity:
 - Using a 5-points calibration curves [0.29 – 4.8 ng/ μ L]
 - Analysis with and without silylation
 - Average of $R^2=0.9694$ (n=71 compounds)
 - $R^2 < 0.9$ only for 3 standards (due to sensitivity)

} **After silylation**

Silylation Efficiency – example of o-cresol



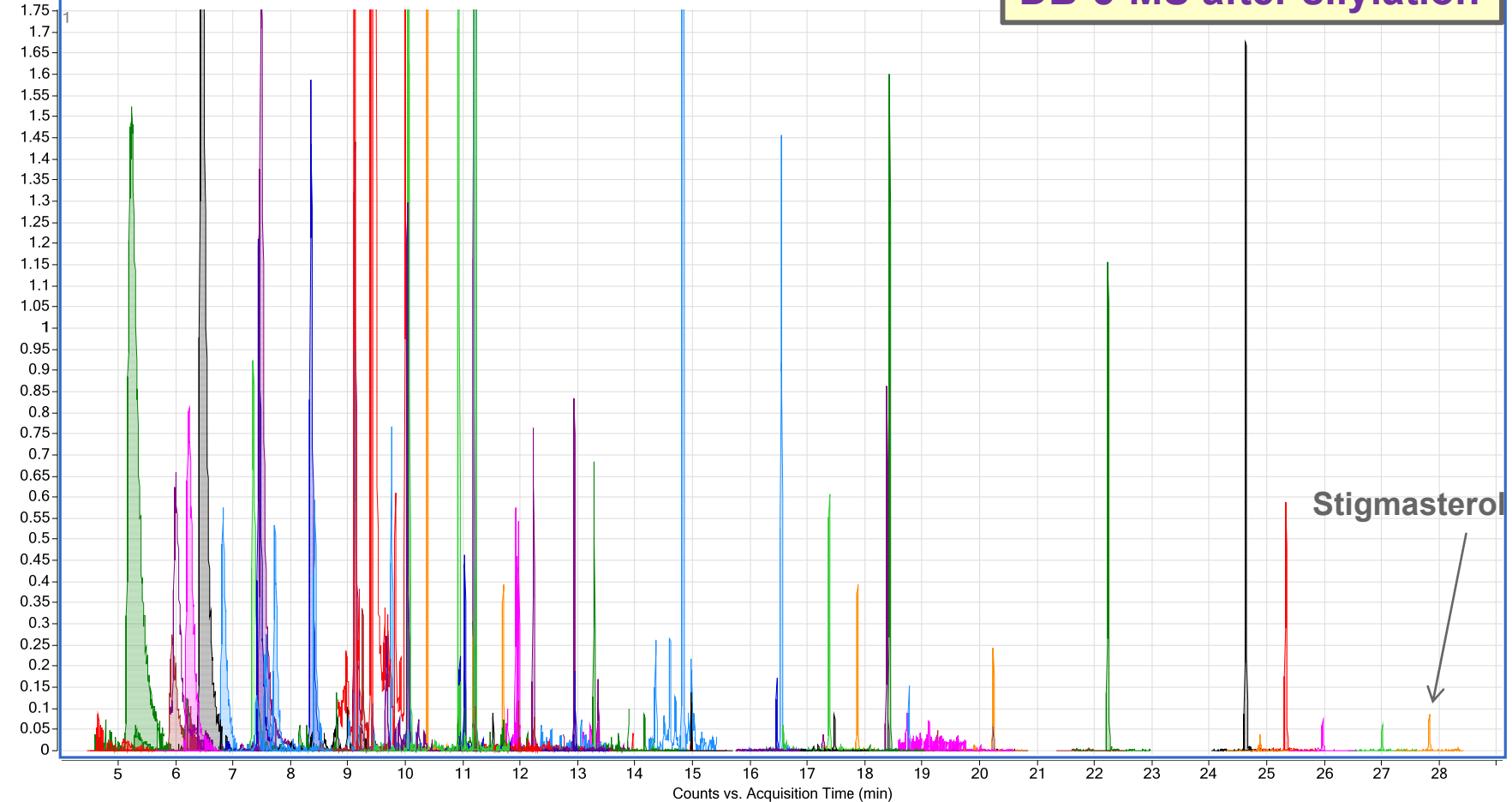
Less fragmentation occurred after TMS derivatization

Higher sensitivity

Sample of reference cigarette (3R4F TPM) GC-EI-HR-MS after TMS derivatization

Cpd 213: vanilline TMS: +EI EIC(194.0394) Scan 130426Derivatized3R4F20uL750uL.D

DB-5-MS after silylation



The csv file is used for an automatic and systematic search of smoke constituents

Fast data processing

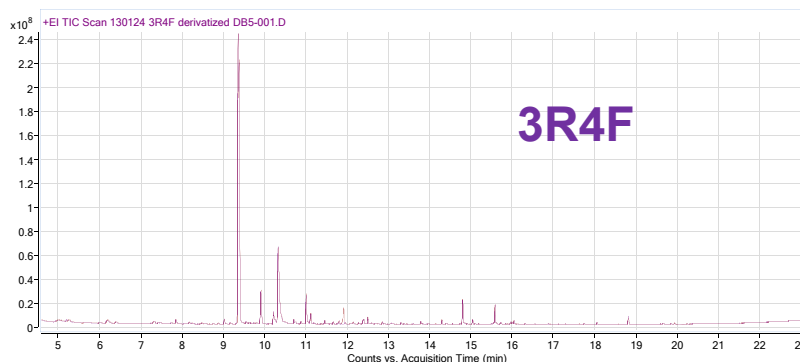


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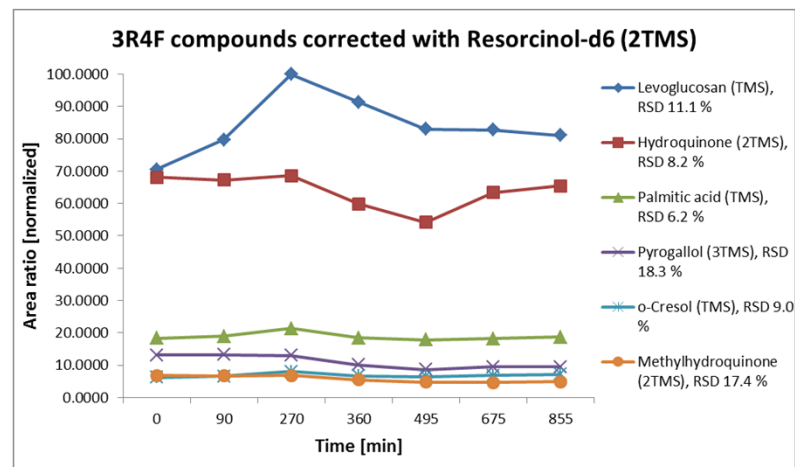
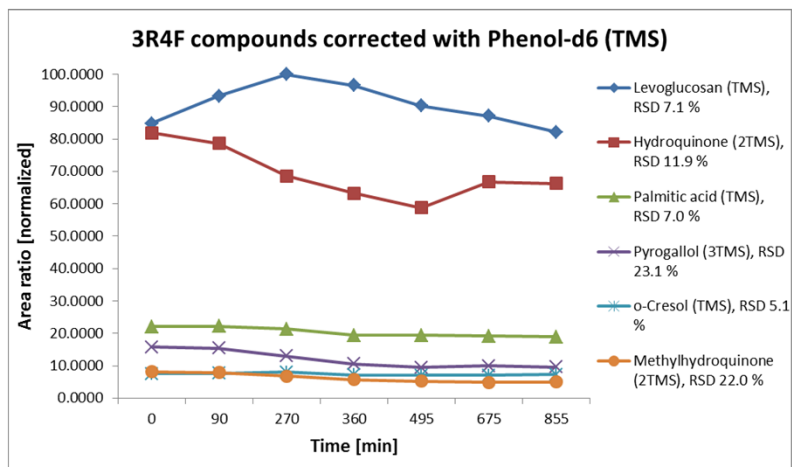
Sample Stability After Chemical Derivatization (Silylation)

10 μ L 3R4F TPM extract (ethanolic) evaporated under nitrogen

Add 100 μ L of IS mix + RI-markers
Add 800 μ L CH_2Cl_2 / Acetone 80:20 v/v
Add 50 μ L of BSTFA and 50 μ L of pyridine
Incubate @ 80°C for different time period



Samples stability was monitored over a period of approximately 15 hours.
The analyzed smoke constituents do not show any significant differences.



After derivatization, aerosol components are stable over time
Appropriate selection of IS needed



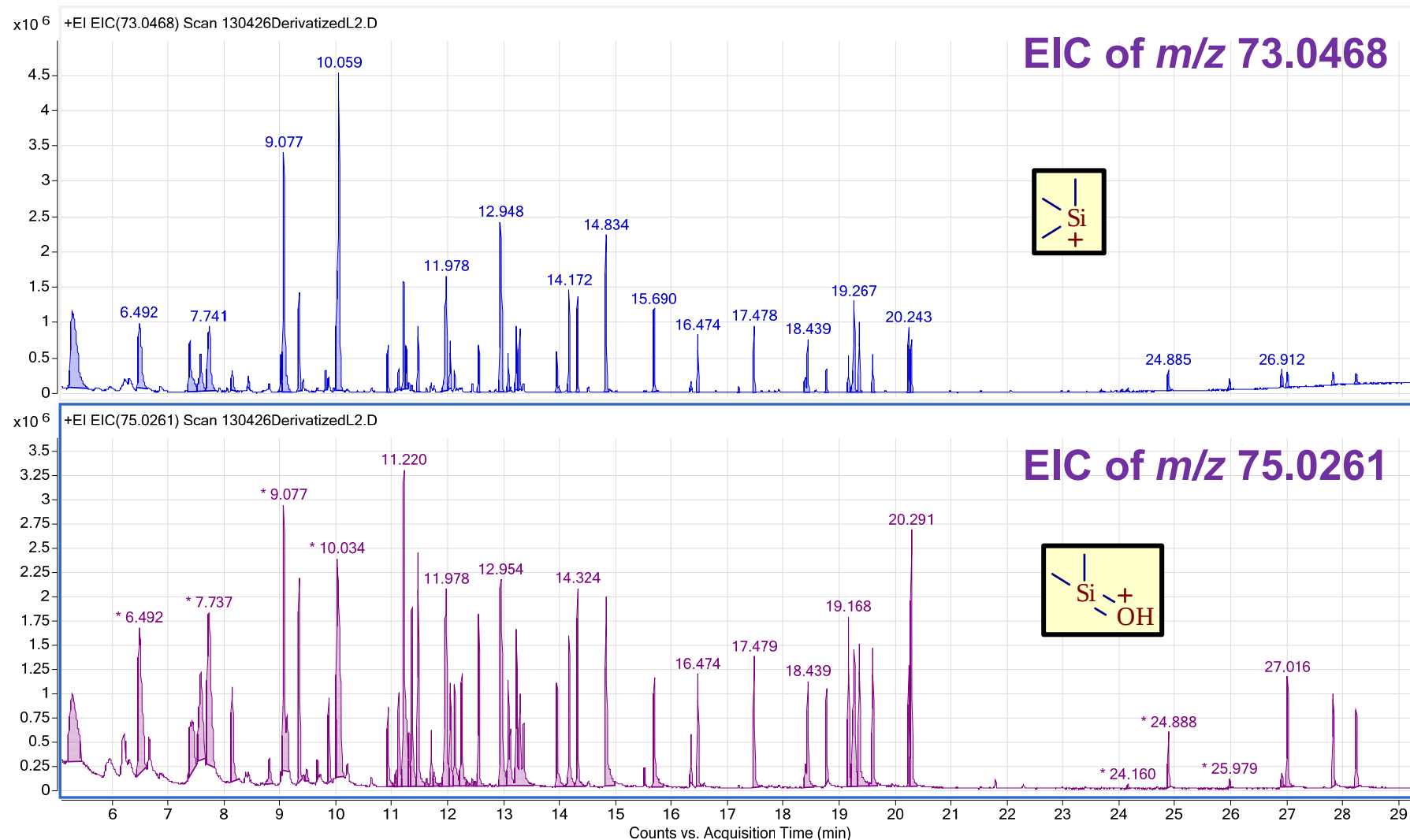
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What about other Smoke Constituents?

Updating the Fingerprinting Method with New Compounds



Extraction of Silylated compounds can be of great help to identify additional smoke constituents

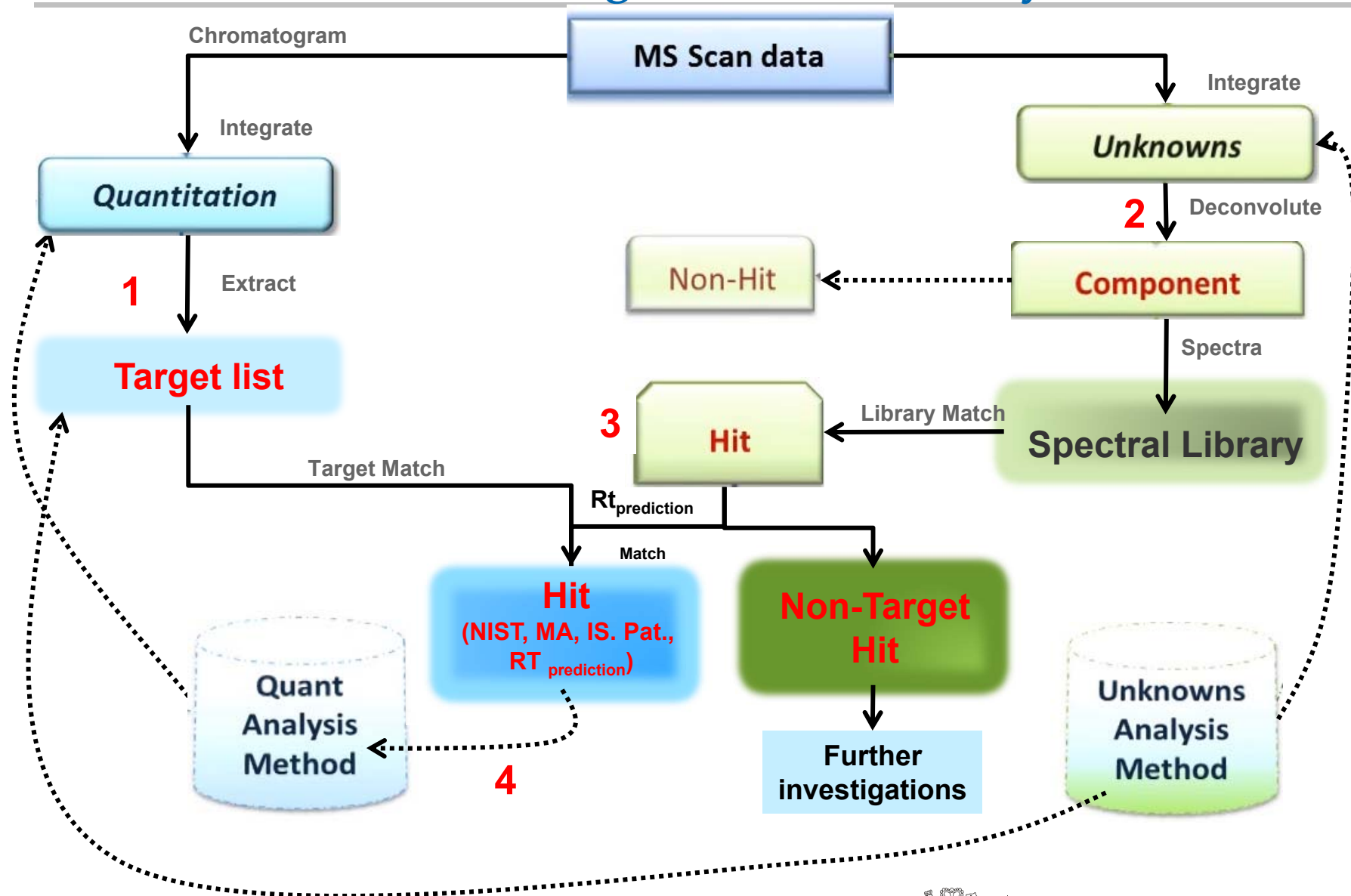


Mass accuracy AND predicted RT are of great interest to postulate new compounds



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Analytical Workflow for Unknowns: Advantage of Full Scan / High Resolution analysis



Conclusion

- A GC-EI-HR-MS method has been established to semi-quantify smoke constituents in aerosol and aerosol fractions.
- The method has been simplified with:
 - ✓ Two GC columns instead of three,
 - ✓ Removal of Solid Phase MicroExtraction (SPME)
- We have demonstrated the great advantage of high resolution _ mass accuracy:
 - ✓ Improved S/N
 - ✓ Specificity and selectivity
 - ✓ Enhanced sensitivity
- Improved semi-quantification with:
 - ✓ Clustering approach to select adequate internal standards (n=63)
 - ✓ Compensate for compound degradation issues
 - ✓ Very good automatic peak integration (MassHunter software)
 - ✓ Very good linearity: averaged $R^2 = 0.9694$ (n=71)
- Monitoring of compounds can be expanded thanks to:
 - ✓ Full scan analysis at high mass accuracy (< 10 ppm)
 - ✓ Very good prediction model of retention time (median $RT_{\text{shift}} = 8 \text{ sec}$, n=346)



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Thank you for your attention.

