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Redefining Routine Analysis

Thermo Scientific Exactive GC
Orbitrap GC-MS System

The world leader in serving science

Multi-award-winning Orbitrap GC-MS Technology



Metabolomics



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Environmental

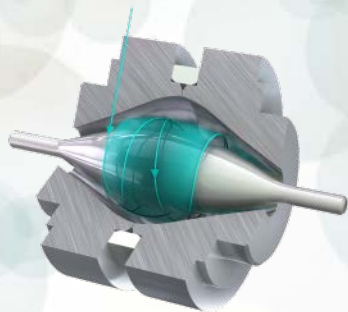


Pharmaceutical



Clinical & Toxicology

unknowns
discovery
research



Thermo Scientific™ Q Exactive™ GC system

Unprecedented Depth in Analysis

RP 120,000 (FWHM @ m/z 200)

EI/CI; Full-scan, timed-SIM

MS/MS capability





Orbitrap GC-MS Technology: From the Experts

a game changer

Prof. Joshua Coon
University of Wisconsin, USA

a really powerful tool

Dr. Esteban Abad Holgado
CSIC Spain

clearly a major step forward

Dr. Hans Mol
RIKILT Netherlands

it feels like a step change

Dr. Karl Burgess
University of Glasgow, UK

a new level of performance

Prof. Jana Hajšlová
UTC Prague, CZ



New Addition to the Orbitrap GC-MS Family



Redefining Routine GC-MS
RP 60,000 (FWHM @ m/z 200)
EI/CI; Full-scan; Timed-SIM

Thermo Scientific™ Exactive™
GC system



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Thermo Scientific Exactive GC System

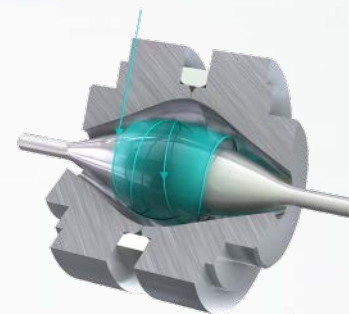


Food & Beverage

knows
routine
screening



Environmental



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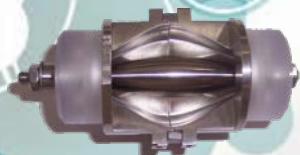


High Selectivity, Non-targeted Data Acquisition

- Fast instrument and method set-up
- Method consolidation
- Adjustable scope of analysis
- Quantitative and qualitative information in a single run
- High-efficiency data processing
- Retrospective data analysis



Exactive GC system: The Technology Inside



Orbitrap mass analyzer

Incredible HRAM performance

Highly regarded Q Exactive GC system platform



Thermo Scientific™ TRACE™ 1310 GC System

Unique modular injector and detector design

Rapid heat cycling

Thermo Scientific™ ExtractaBrite™ Ion Source technology

Routine grade robustness

Patented RF lens

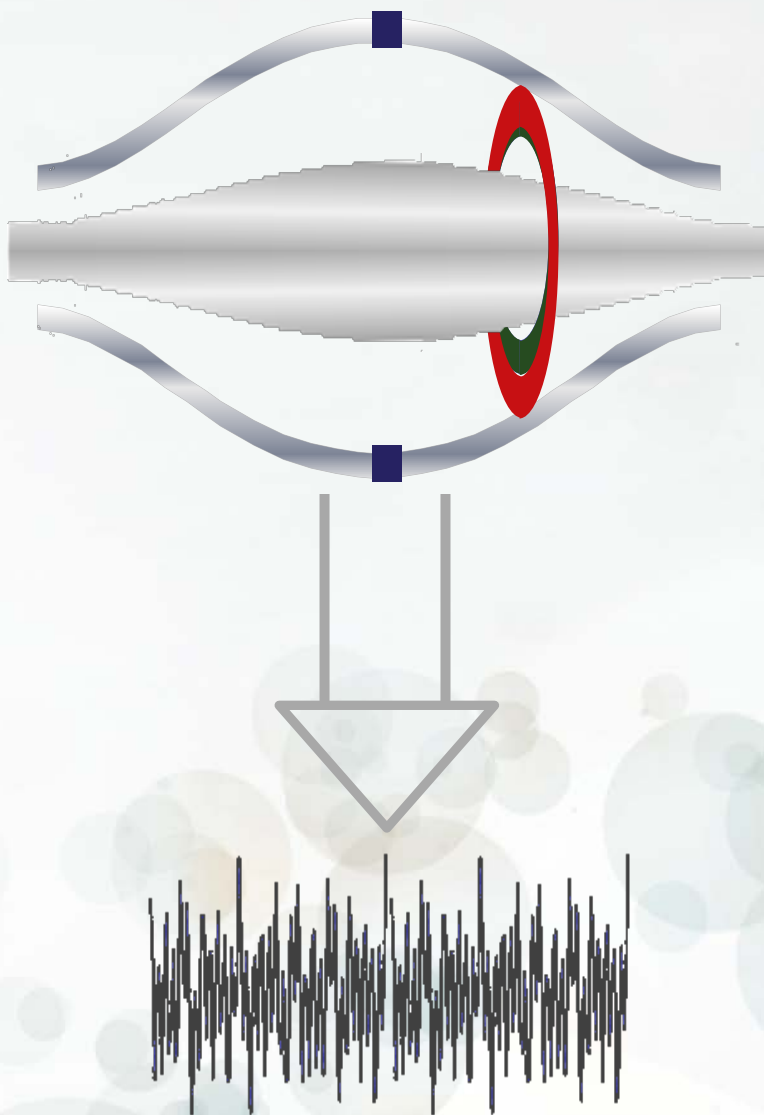
Removable without breaking vacuum



Exactive GC system: The Technology Inside



Orbitrap Mass Analyzer



$$\omega = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m/z}}$$

- Ions injected into the Orbitrap are trapped in an electrostatic field
- Each ion oscillates axially with a frequency that is proportional to its mass
- An image current of these oscillations is measured using a split outer electrode
- This image is then converted to a mass spectrum using Fourier transform
- The longer a signal (transient) is measured, the higher the resolution

Exactive GC system Highlights

Resolving Power

Up to
60,000 at
 m/z 200

- Maximum selectivity
- Fast enough for GC

Mass Accuracy

< 1ppm

- Every scan
- All concentrations
- In complex matrix
- Across the mass range
- Everyday!

Sensitivity

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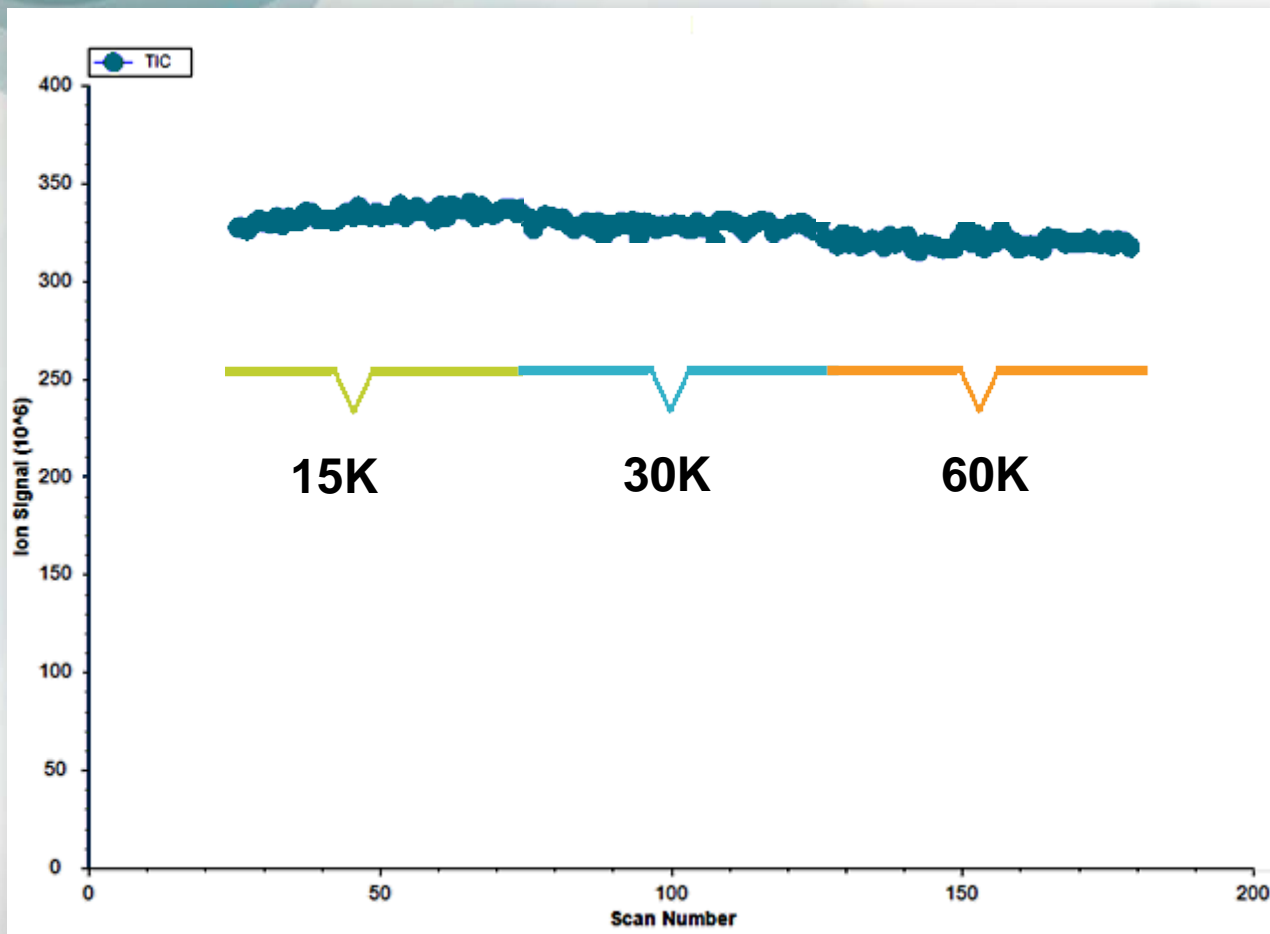
- In full-scan
- High selectivity
- High spectral fidelity

Dynamic Range

>6 orders

- Excellent coverage in sample profiling
- “Triple quad grade” quantitation in full-scan

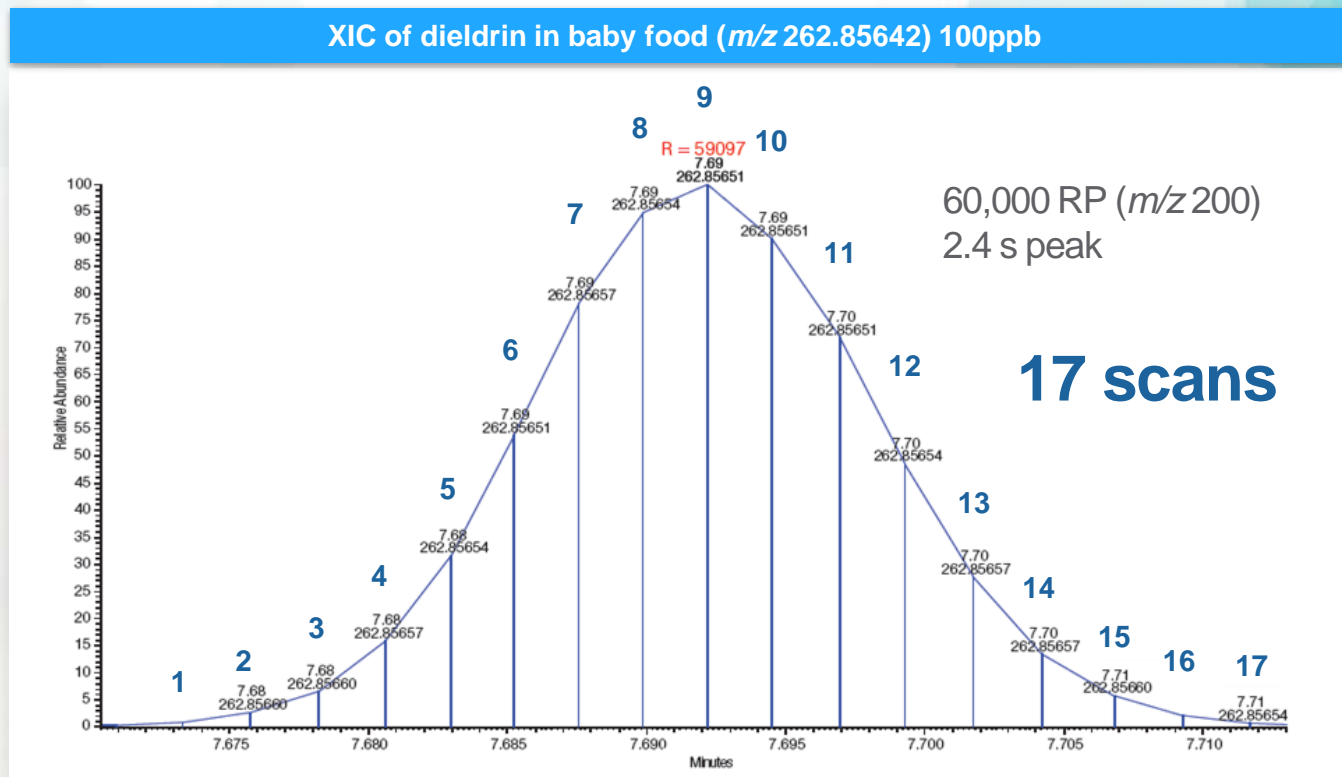
Resolving Power: Sensitivity



- TIC signal intensity vs. scan number
- Increase the resolving power during acquisition
- Negligible drop in sensitivity

High selectivity analysis all of the time

Resolving Power: Scan Rate @ 60K



- **Fast acquisition**
- Important for accurate profiling of narrow GC peaks
- Full-scan with resolving power of 60 (FWHM @ m/z 200) generates 17 scans

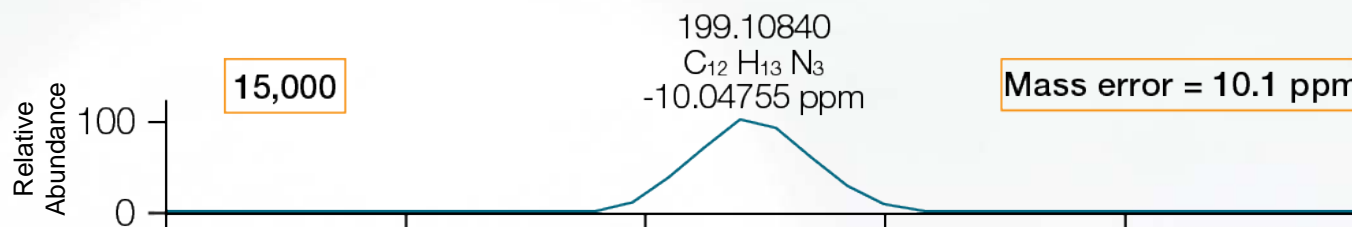
Fast enough for GC!

*Acquired on the Q Exactive GC system – the Exactive GC system provides equivalent performance

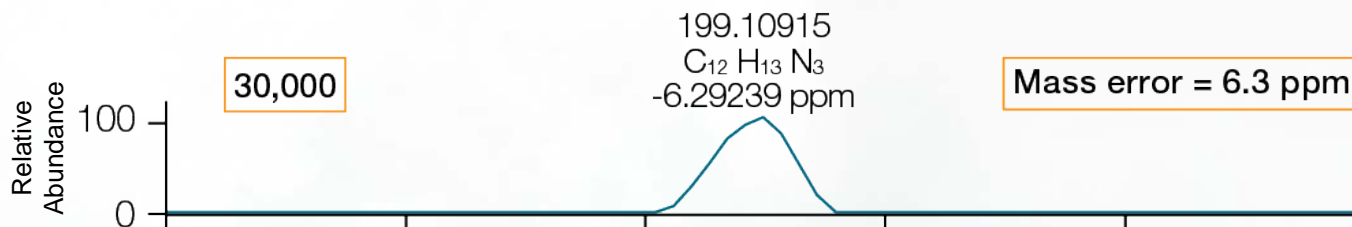
Resolving Power: Selectivity

Pyrimethanil in leek at 10 µg/Kg

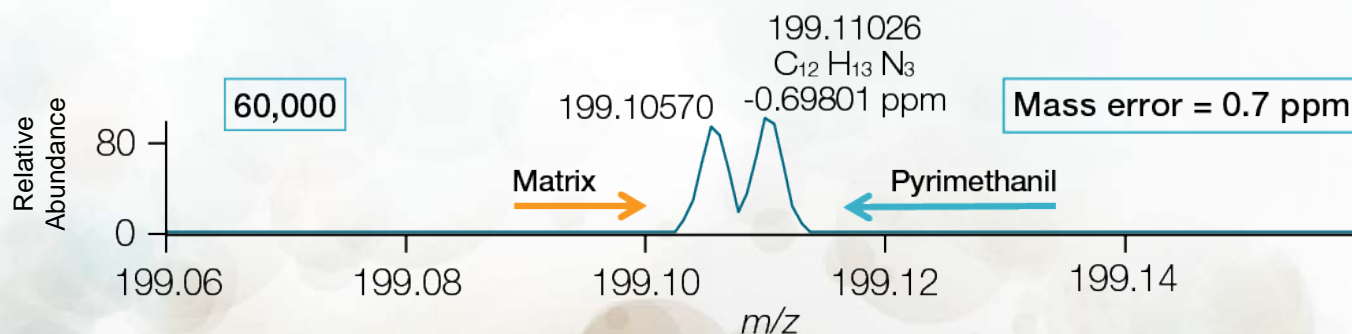
< 5 ppm ID criteria



False negative



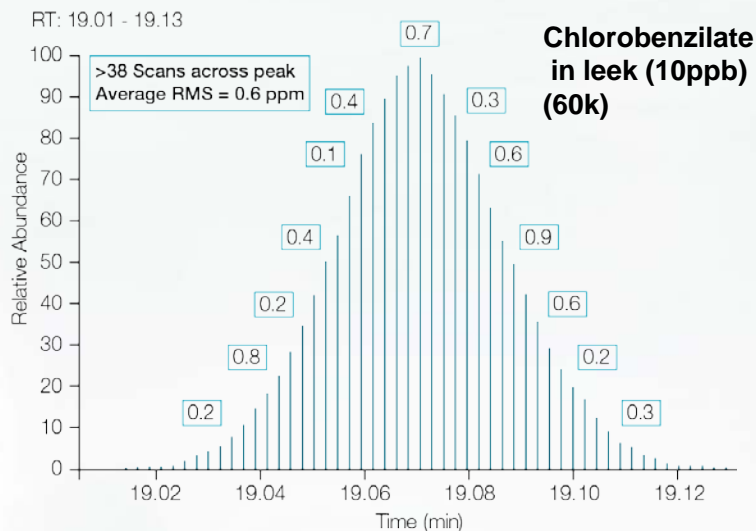
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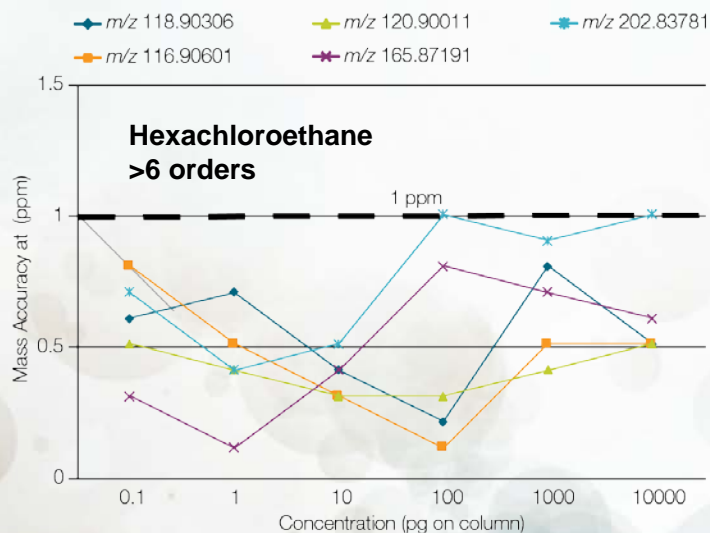
Positive
Detection

High Selectivity ∴ high sensitivity and confidence in identification

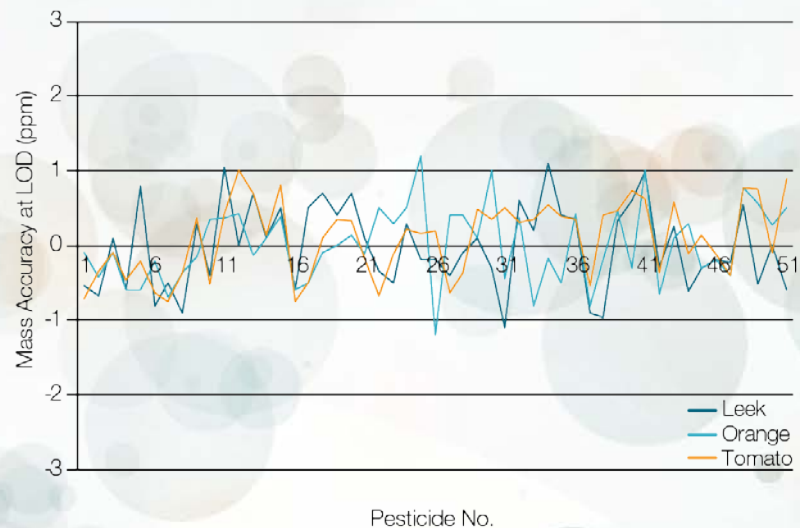
High Mass Accuracy



- Typically <1ppm
- Across the peak
- Across the concentration range
- In matrix

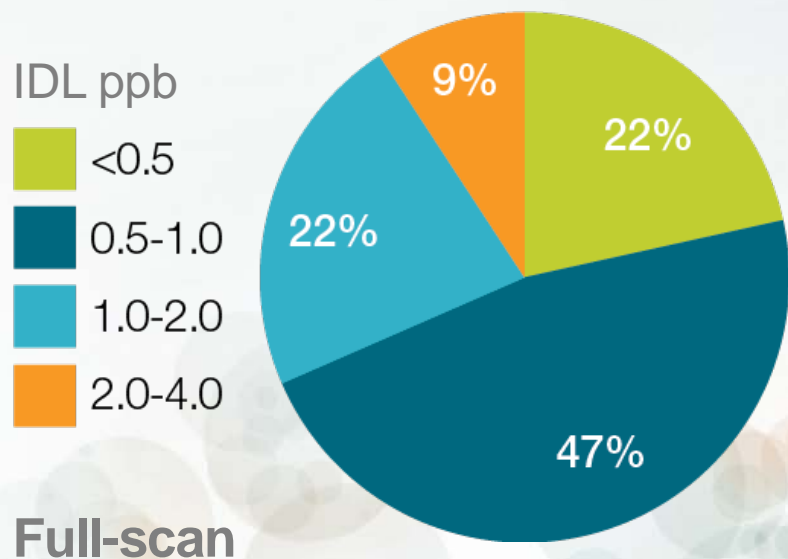


50 pesticides in 3 different matrices

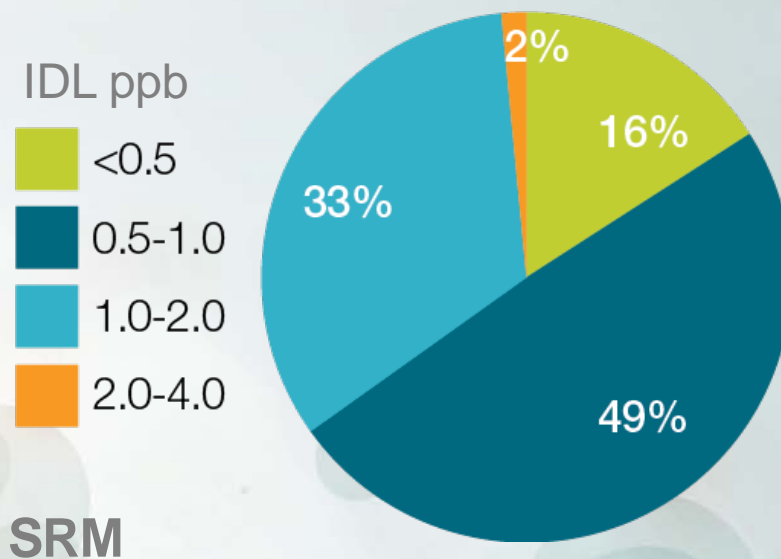


150 compounds in mixed vegetable matrix

GC Orbitrap



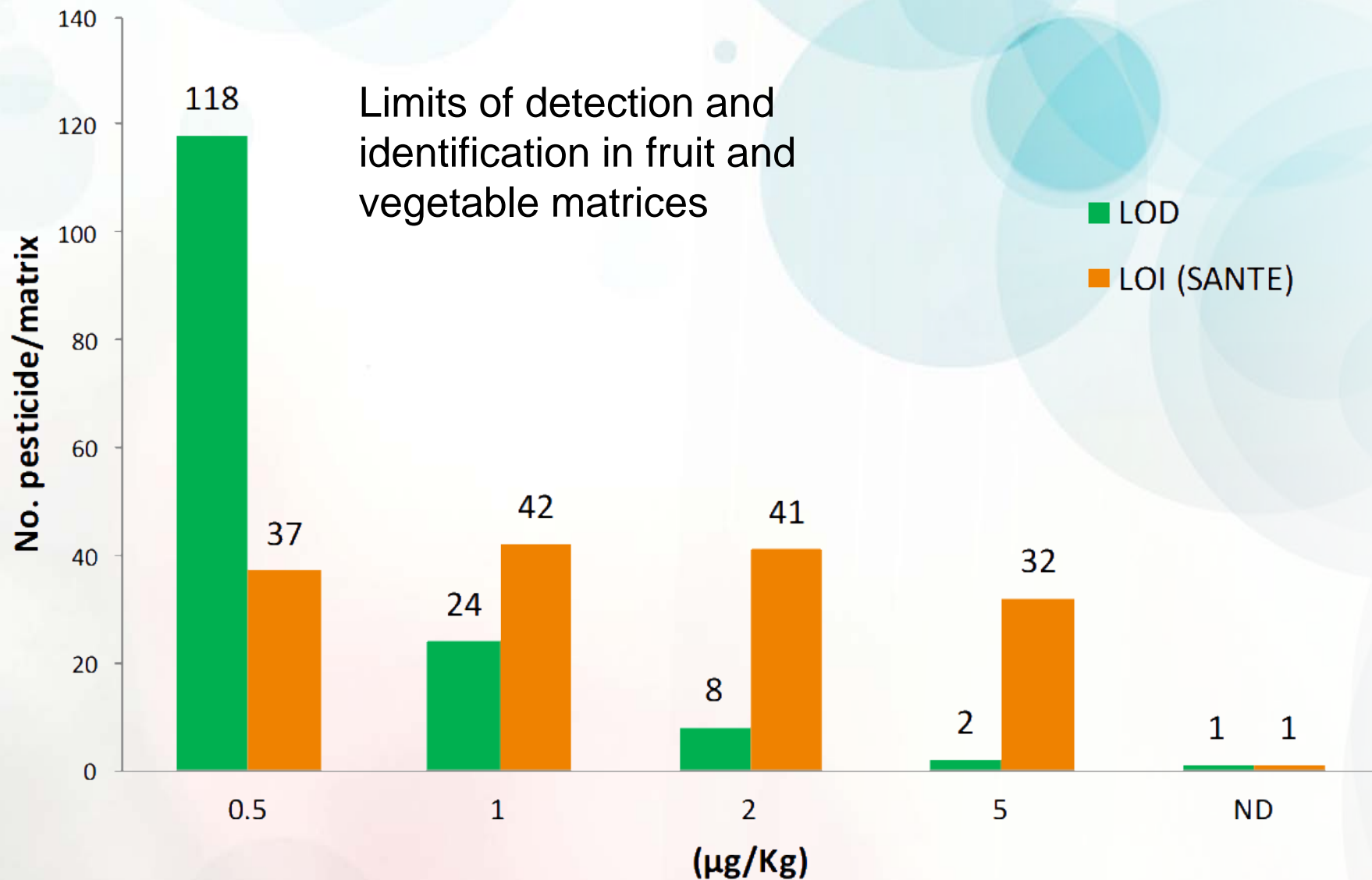
GC-MS/MS



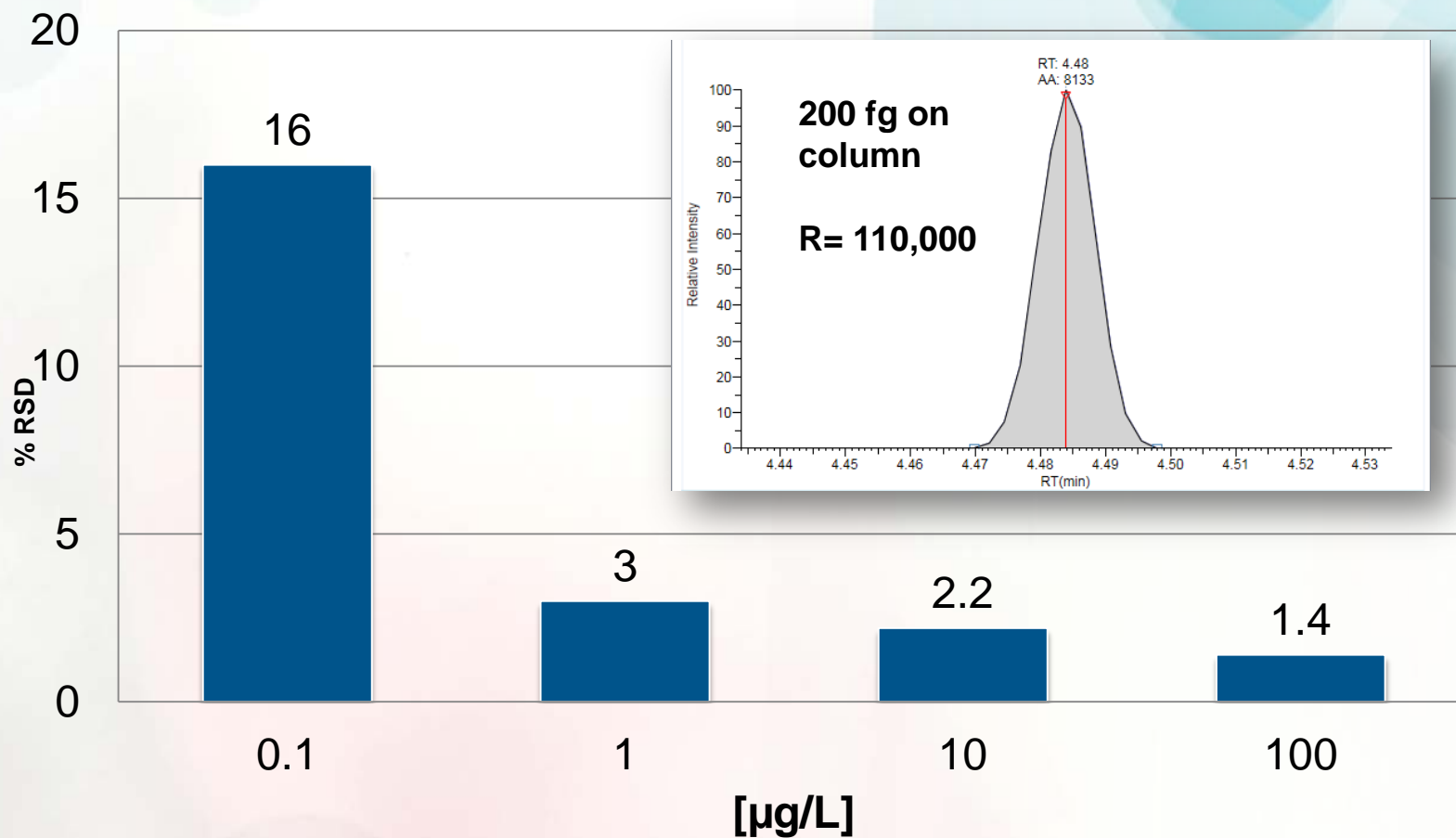
Triple quadrupole level sensitivity possible with a non-target acquisition

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High Sensitivity Full-scan



N-Nitrosodimethylamine in tap water

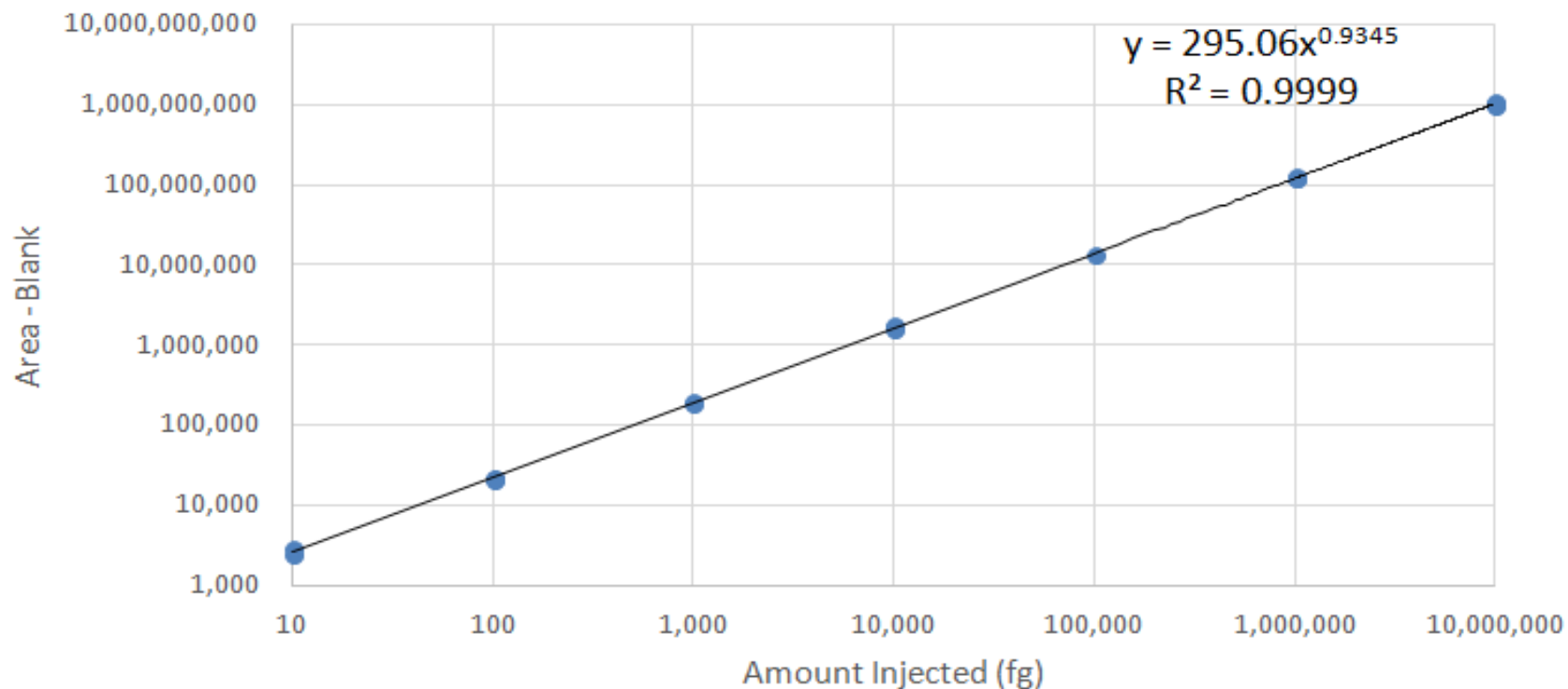


* n=5 injections per calibration standard were used except 1.0 µg/L level; where n=9 inj. were used

Dynamic Range

OFN 10 fg - 10 ng

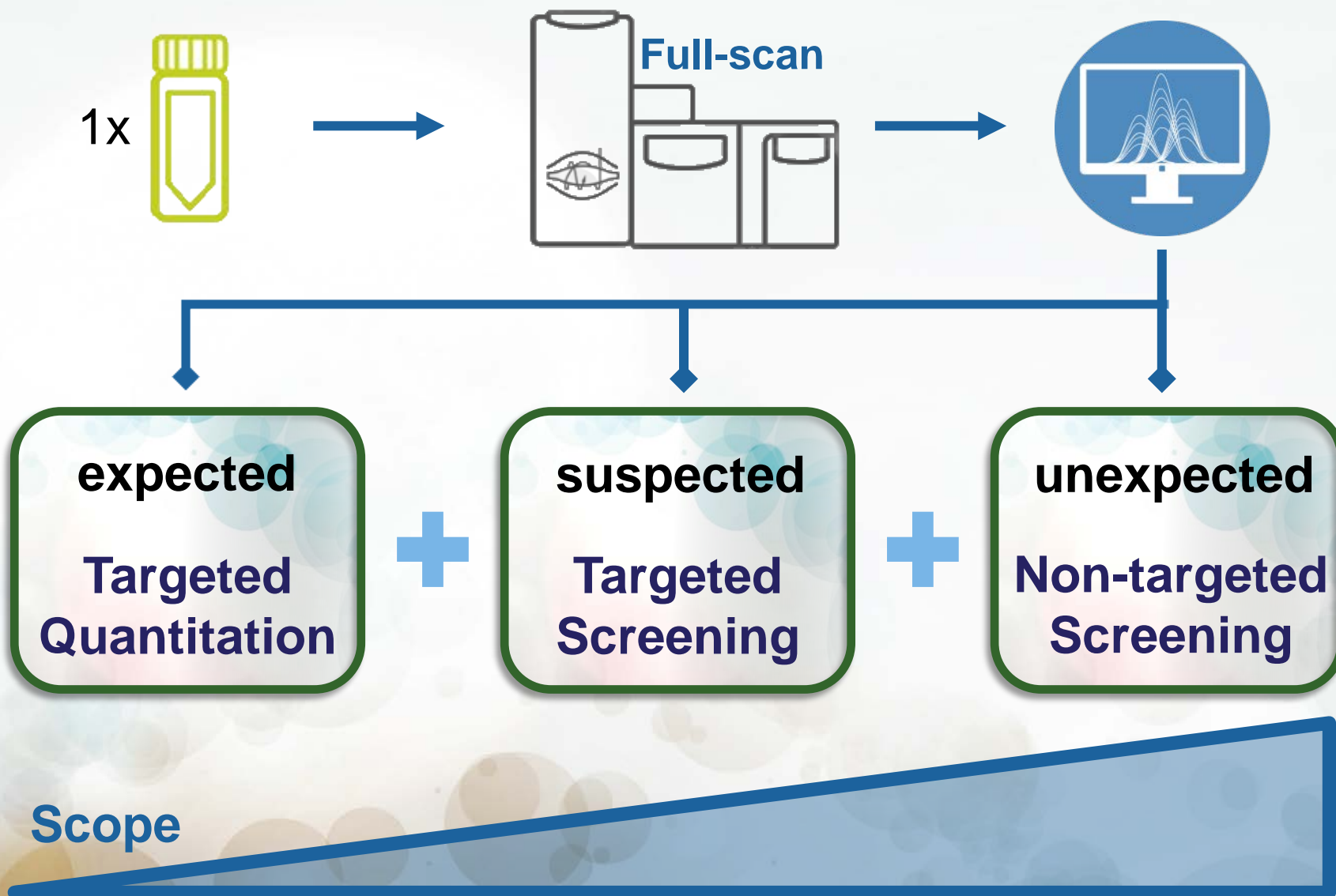
>6 Orders Linear range



Triple quadrupole grade quantitation in full scan

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Exactive GC System Main Workflows



Orbitrap GC-MS Contaminants Library

- Fast start-up of screening and quantitation applications
- Thermo Scientific™ TraceFinder™ Compound Database >700 food and environmental contaminants
- HRAM Spectral Library of over 700 food and environmental contaminants
- User guide detailing how to install and make custom enhancements to library
- Compound classes V1:
 - Pesticides, PAHs, PCBs, Dioxins and Furans. Flame Retardants

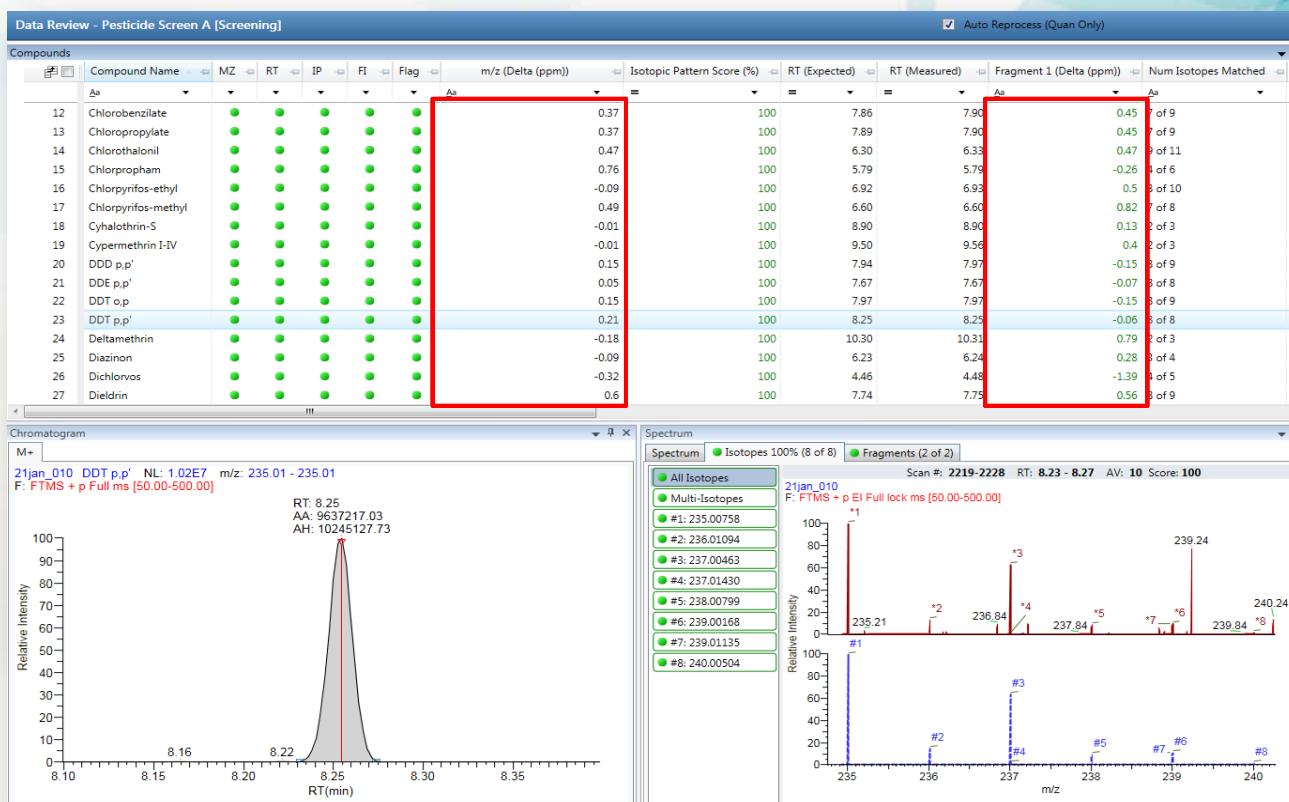
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Pesticide and Environmental Contaminants Spectral Library

For Q Exactive GC and Exactive GC
Orbitrap GC-MS Systems





Positively identified example

- p,p'-DDT
- Accurate mass confirmation (2 ppm mass window)
- Isotopic pattern
- Fragment ions
- Sub ppm mass accuracy throughout

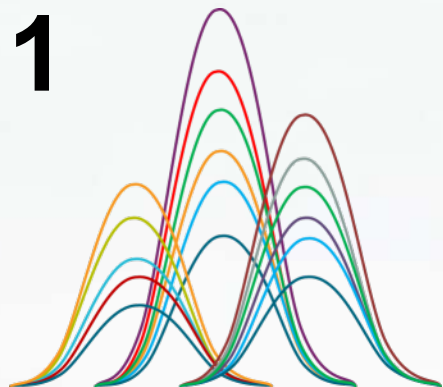
Automated screening and identification



Non-targeted Screening Overview

detect and refine

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- Sensitive and selective peak detection
- High resolution spectral deconvolution
- Clean spectrum

generate candidates

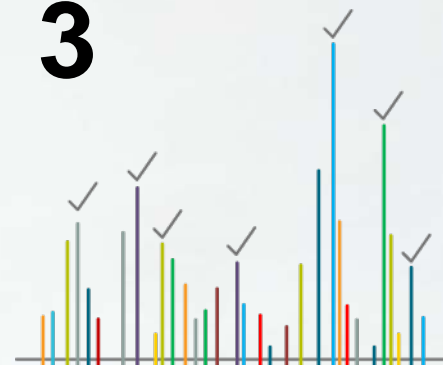
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- Search spectra against spectral libraries
- HRAM or unit mass
- Candidates list generated

filter and identify

3



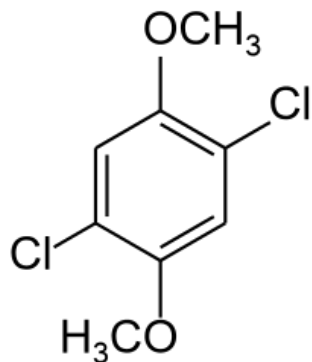
- High resolution filtering of candidates
- Putative identifications made

Process semi/fully automated as preferred



Non-targeted Screening HRF

Candidate



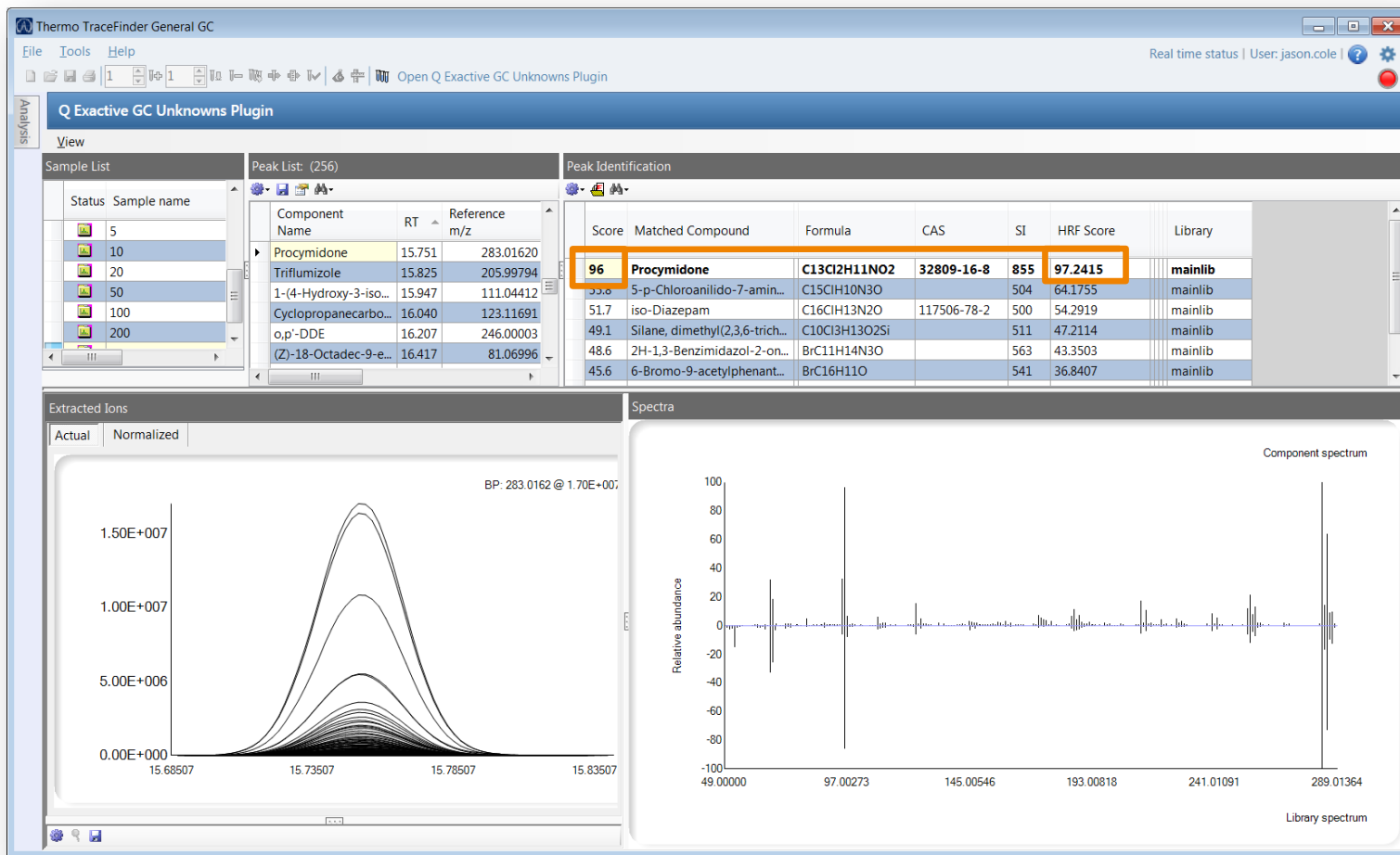
Subset
formulae

Acq m/z	Fragment ID	Theo m/z	Mass Error (ppm)
147.9477	C ₅ Cl ₂ H ₂ O	147.9477	0.20277
148.9369	C ₅ Cl[37]ClHO	148.9369	0.2679
149.9448	C ₅ Cl[37]ClH ₂ O	149.9448	0.06602
151.9419	C ₅ [37]Cl ₂ H ₂ O	151.9418	0.72528
154.9895	C ₇ ClH ₄ O ₂	154.9894	0.38712
155.9974	C ₇ ClH ₅ O ₂	155.9973	0.89745
157.9943	C ₇ [37]ClH ₅ O ₂	157.9943	0.25381
159.9479	C ₆ Cl ₂ H ₂ O	159.9477	0.87529
161.9446	C ₆ Cl[37]ClH ₂ O	161.9448	0.80213
162.9711	C ₆ Cl ₂ H ₅ O	162.9712	0.36816
163.9745	C ₅ [13]CCl ₂ H ₅ O	163.9745	0.3342
164.9682	C ₆ Cl[37]ClH ₅ O	164.9682	0.24186
165.9716	C ₅ CCl[37]ClH ₅ O	165.9716	0.02832

$$\text{HRF Score} = \frac{\sum (m/z * \text{Intensity})_{\text{explained}}}{\sum (m/z * \text{Intensity})_{\text{observed}}} \times 100\%$$



Non-targeted Screening Identification



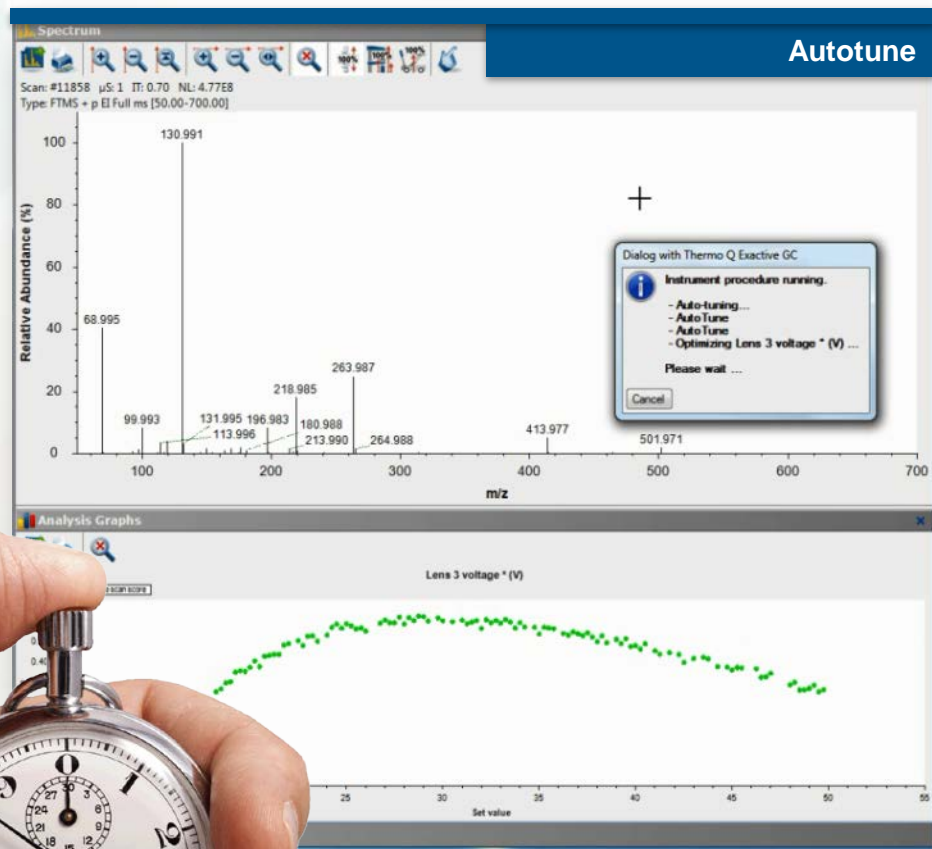
Non-targeted Screening Tap Water

Detected compounds in tap water during nitrosamine quantitation

- Halogenated organics
 - e.g. chloriodomethane, tetrachloroethylene
- Pharmaceuticals
 - e.g. Clindamycin, Felbamate
- Monoterpenes and phthalates

The screenshot displays a mass spectrometry software interface. At the top, a list of 17 matched compounds is shown with columns for Name, Formula, CAS, SI, HRF Score, and M+ m/z. The first entry is Chloriodomethane (CCH2I) with a mass-to-charge ratio of 175.888422. Below this, a spectrum plot shows the 'acquired spectrum' with a peak at m/z 175.888428. At the bottom, a table lists detected compounds with columns for Active status, Measured m/z, Area, Height, Fragment ID, Theo m/z, Mass error (ppm), and Fragment count.

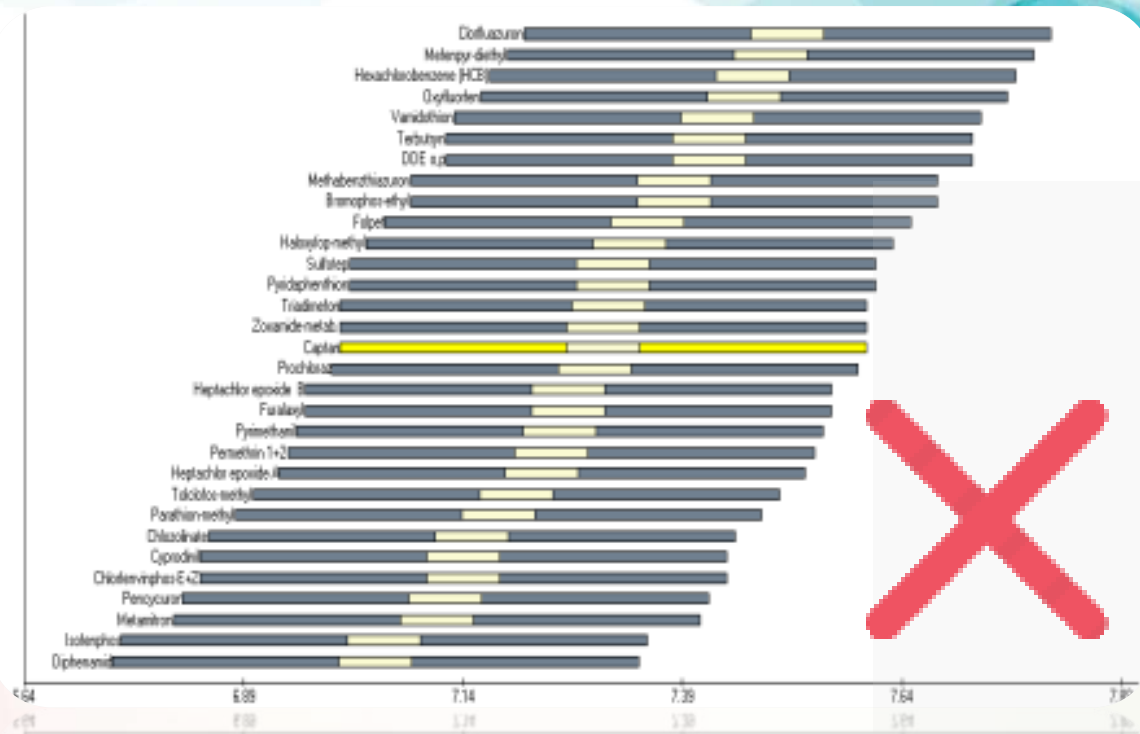
Sample	% recovery d6-NDMA	Calculated NDMA concentration (ng/L)	Mass error [ppm]
M1A	107	1.1	0.7
M1B	105	0.96	0.01
M5A	111	4.7	0.01
M5B	104	4.3	0.01
M10a	88	8.4	0.2
M10b	99	8.1	0.1



Tuning and Calibration

- Simple status
- Automated leak checking
- Automated tuning & calibration
- Source and lens tuning ~25 s
- Mass calibration ~30 s
- Ready to go < 1 min

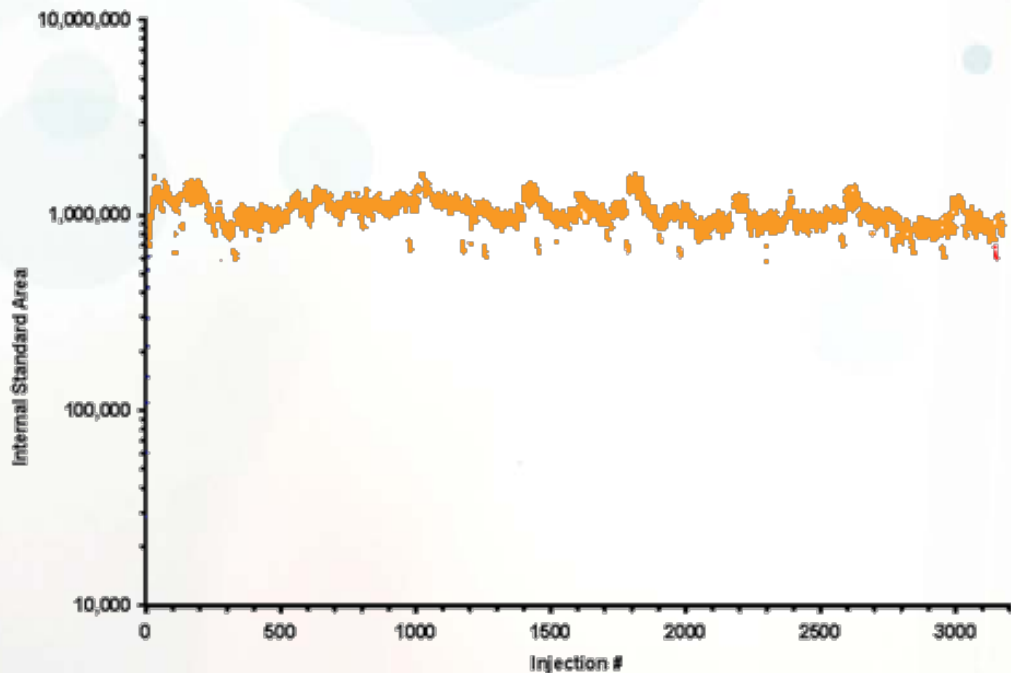
Full-scan Simplicity



- Full-scan is really simple
- No setting of RT based windows
- Build sequence and hit start



Maximum Uptime: Routine-grade Robustness



ExtractaBrite Ion Source Design

- Dual independent heated zones
- Patented RF lens protects post source ion optics
- Repeller designed to overcome any ion burn

Source Robustness in Matrix

- >3000 injections ExtractaBrite Ion Source
- BSTFA derivatized urine
- No source maintenance required during study



Maximum Uptime: “Never Vent”

“Never Vent” Philosophy

- Patented source plug
 - GC column change without venting
- ExtractaBrite Ion Source
 - Source change without venting
 - Including all areas where ion burn can form
- Minutes to use the vacuum probe interlock system



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