

Non-Targeted Screening of Wastewater for Water Reuse using Mass Spectrometry

Prototype development using the US-EPA CompTox Chemicals Dashboard data and CFM-ID Fragment Prediction algorithms

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Thematic Endpoint of Non-targeted Screening of Treated Wastewater

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Why fresh water shortages will cause the next great global crisis

<https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2015/mar/08/how-water-shortages-lead-food-crises-conflicts>

Potable Water from Wastewater

- A viable solution
- Drinking water IS treated water
 - Filtered
 - Disinfected (usually chlorinated)
- Technology exists and is continually being developed
- **However, if you are going to convince me to drink treated wastewater, you need to show me it has little or no contaminants!**

Non-Target Screening Using LC/Q-TOF MS and the EPA CompTox Chemical Dashboard

875,000 “MS-Ready Structures”



Screening Accurate Mass Precursors Only

Complex Data Set

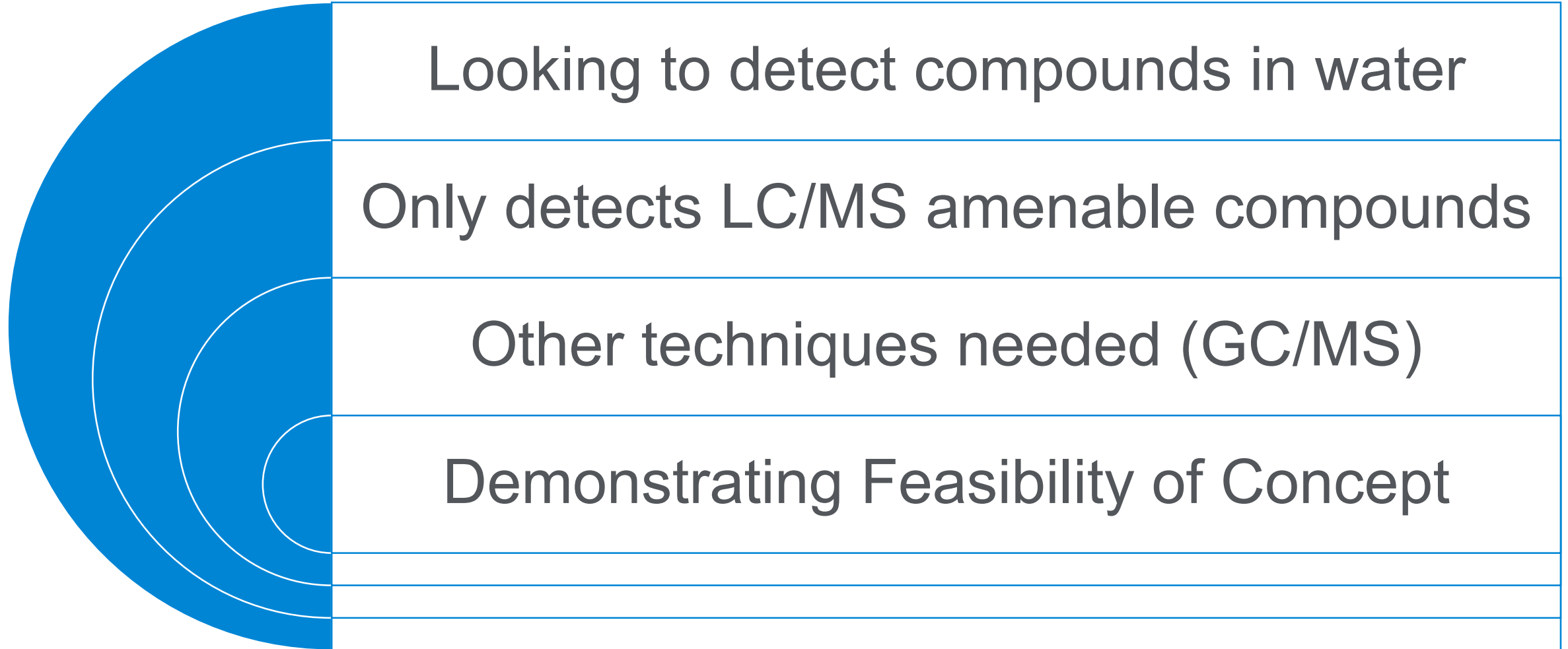
Too Many False Positives

Add fragment information and Scoring

False Positives Reduced

Tox Data Provides Real Suspects

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Fragmentation prediction for identification in HRMS

Open source code allows for MS/MS spectra prediction for ESI+, ESI-, and EI

Predictions generated and stored for >700,000 structures, to be accessible via CompTox Dashboard

Python code to pull matches and score experimental vs predicted spectra

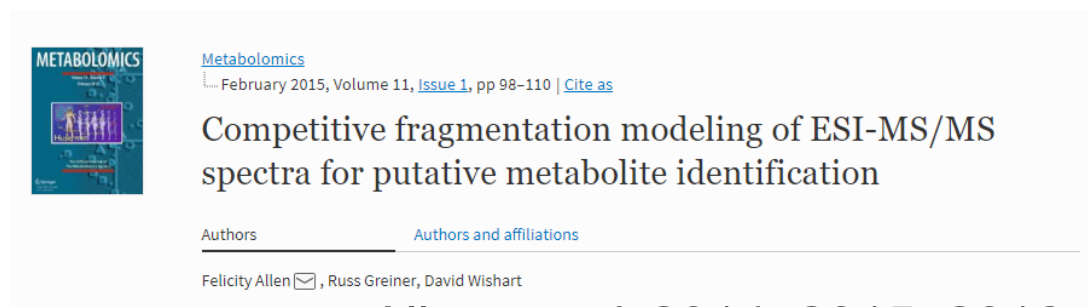
Cosine dot product match score calculation

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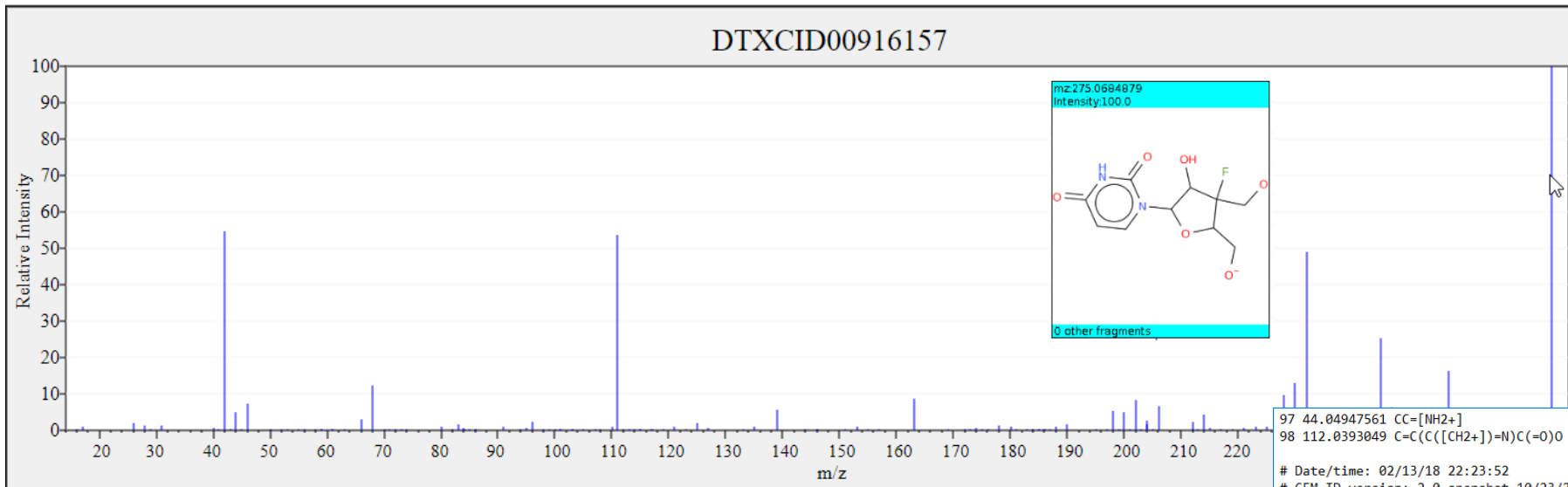
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Allen, *et al* 2014, 2015, 2016

Prediction output



Predicted spectra ASCII files

Predicted spectra graphics and annotated structures

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98 112.0393049 C=C(C([CH2+])=N)C(=O)O

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Data available on Figshare

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CFM-ID Paper Data

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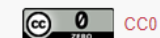
DSSTox Chemical Database

Chemicals Dashboard

Non-targeted analysis

CFM-ID

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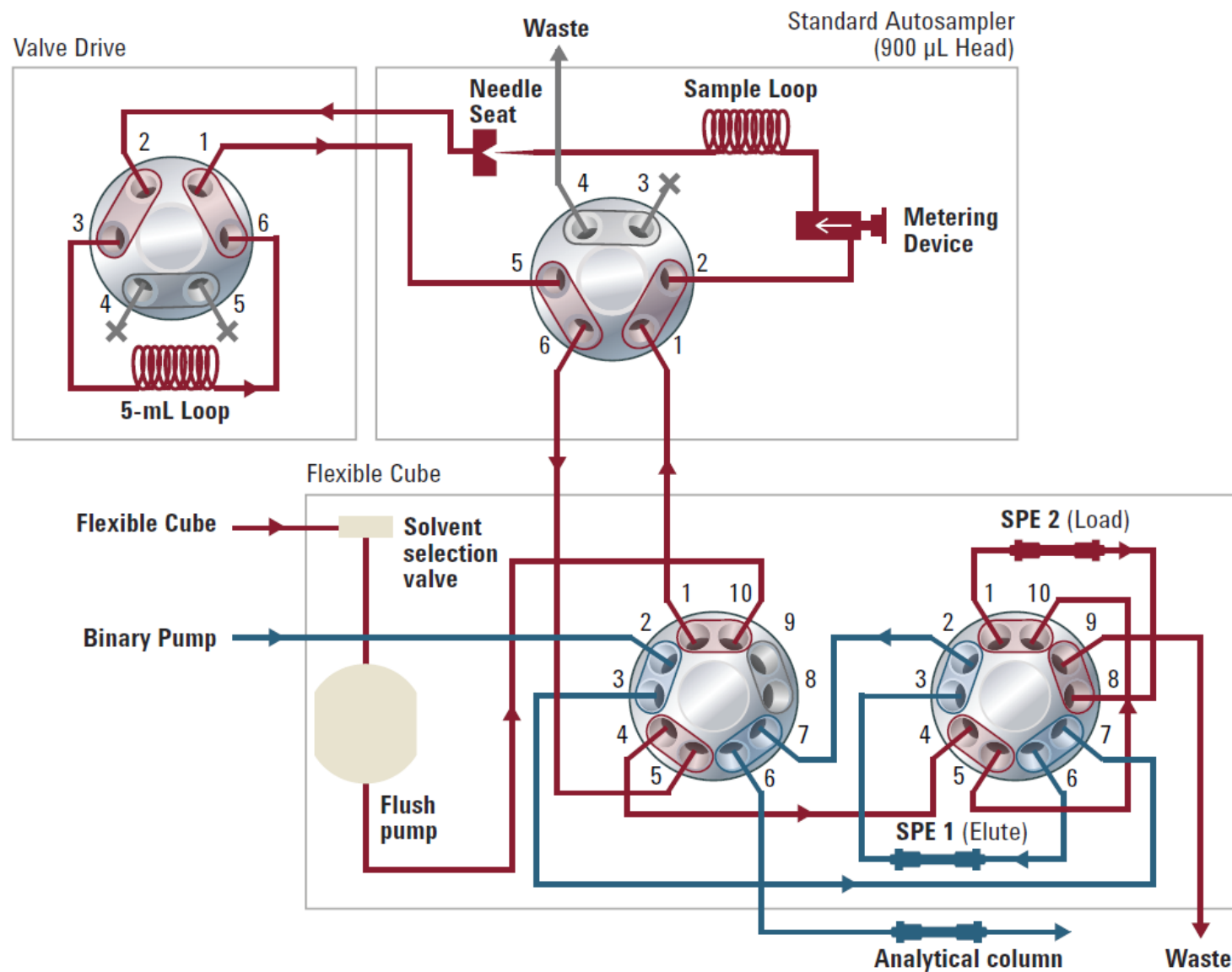
Endnote

https://epa.figshare.com/articles/CFM-ID_Paper_Data/7776212/1

Experimental Conditions- Samples

- Samples from two ANONYMOUS Waste Treatment Facilities (all grab not composite)
 - Influent sample
 - Effluent sample before chlorination
 - Effluent sample after chlorination (one plant using sulfate dichlorination before discharge)
- Sample treatment
 - Kept at 4 °C from time of sampling to analysis
 - All samples spiked with 10 parts per trillion d5-atrazine before analysis
 - Influent samples filtered with 0.2 µ nylon filter before analysis

Experimental Conditions-LC: On-line SPE with loading of 4 mL sample



Experimental Conditions-LC

- Standard Autosampler 6 mL vials
- 1290 Infinity II Binary Pump
- Infinity II Column Compartment
- Analytical column superficially porous Poroshell EC18 Column
 - 2.7 μ particles
 - 2.1 x 100
 - 2.1 x 5 guard
 - Flow 0.5 mL/min

Flush loop and load SPE with UHP water, 1 mL/min for 10 min

Gradient from 5% acetonitrile to 95% in 20 min, flush column with 95% acetonitrile for 5 min

Experimental Conditions – Q-TOF

- Agilent 6546 Q-TOF
 - Resolving power 40000 at m/z 200
 - Mass accuracy typically 1 ppm for MS and > 5 ppm for MS/MS
 - Internal reference mass purine and HP-921
- Samples analyzed in Auto MS/MS mode
 - MS range m/z 100 – 1000 at 5 spectra/s
 - MS/MS range m/z 50-800 at 5 spectra/s
 - Q isolation 1.3 amu, one CE at 20 eV
 - 1 precursors per cycle exclude after 1 and 0.08 min
 - Charge state = 1, model common organic molecules
 - Exclude all major ions in lab blank

Surrogate Std- d5 Atrazine

Added to all lab blanks, field blanks and samples

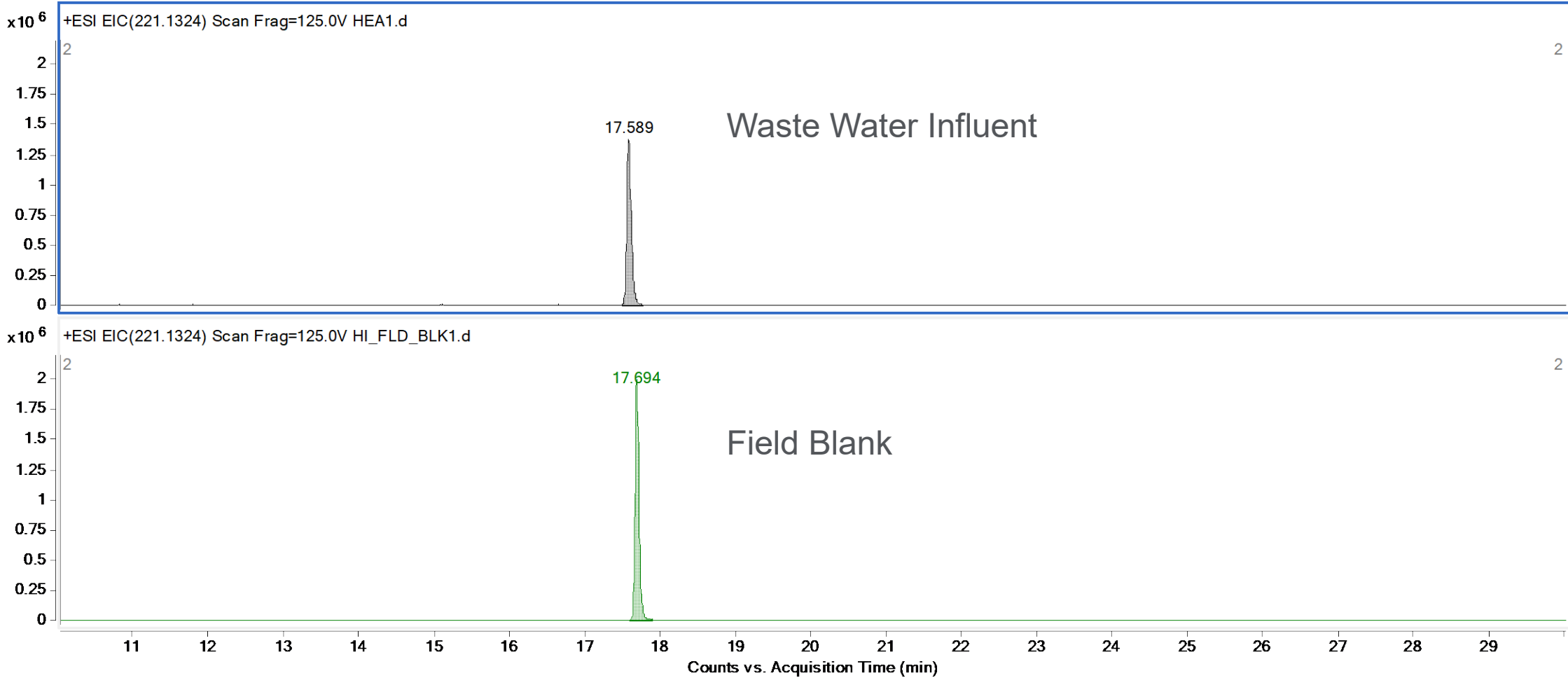
Added at 10 parts per trillion (20 μ L of 30 ng/mL to 6 mL)

Simple demonstration that on-line SPE is working

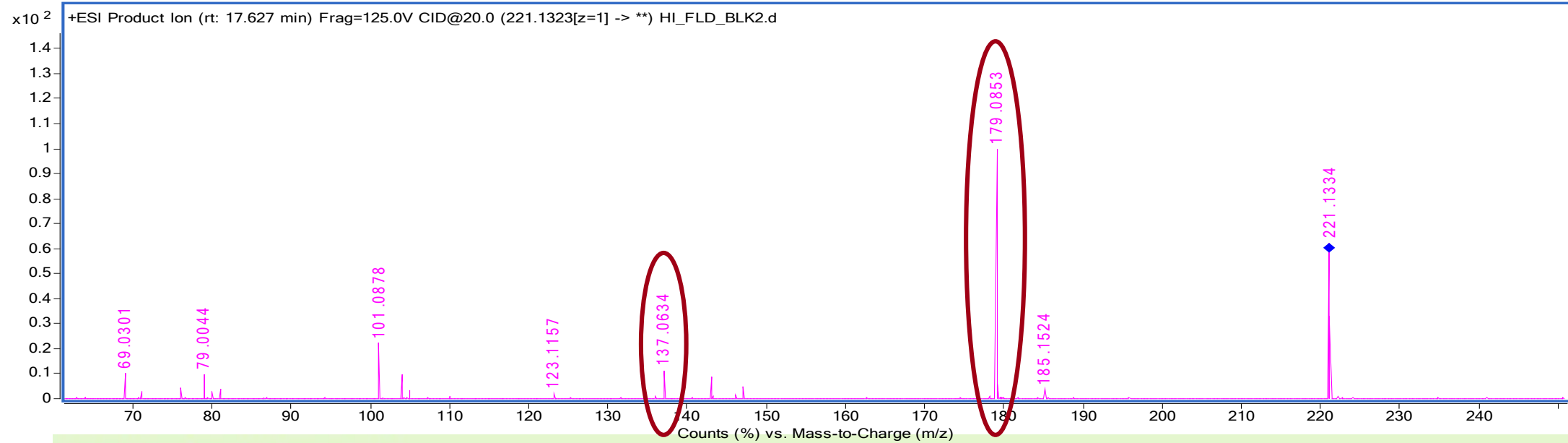
Rt check, mass accuracy check

Could be more complex but demonstrates feasibility

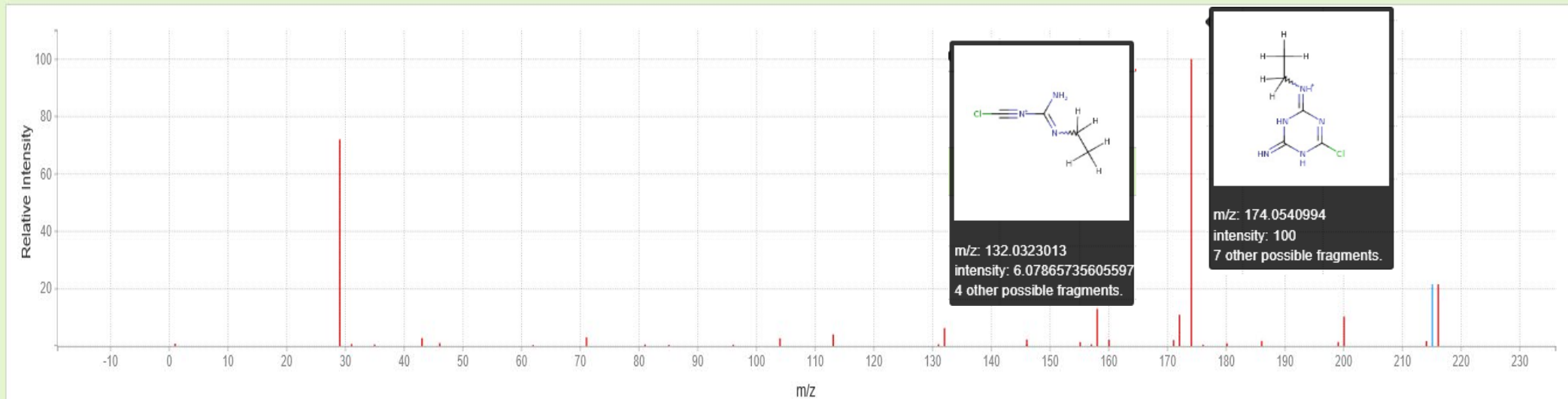
EIC of d5 Atrazine @ 10 ppt (extraction window 10 ppm of theoretic m/z)



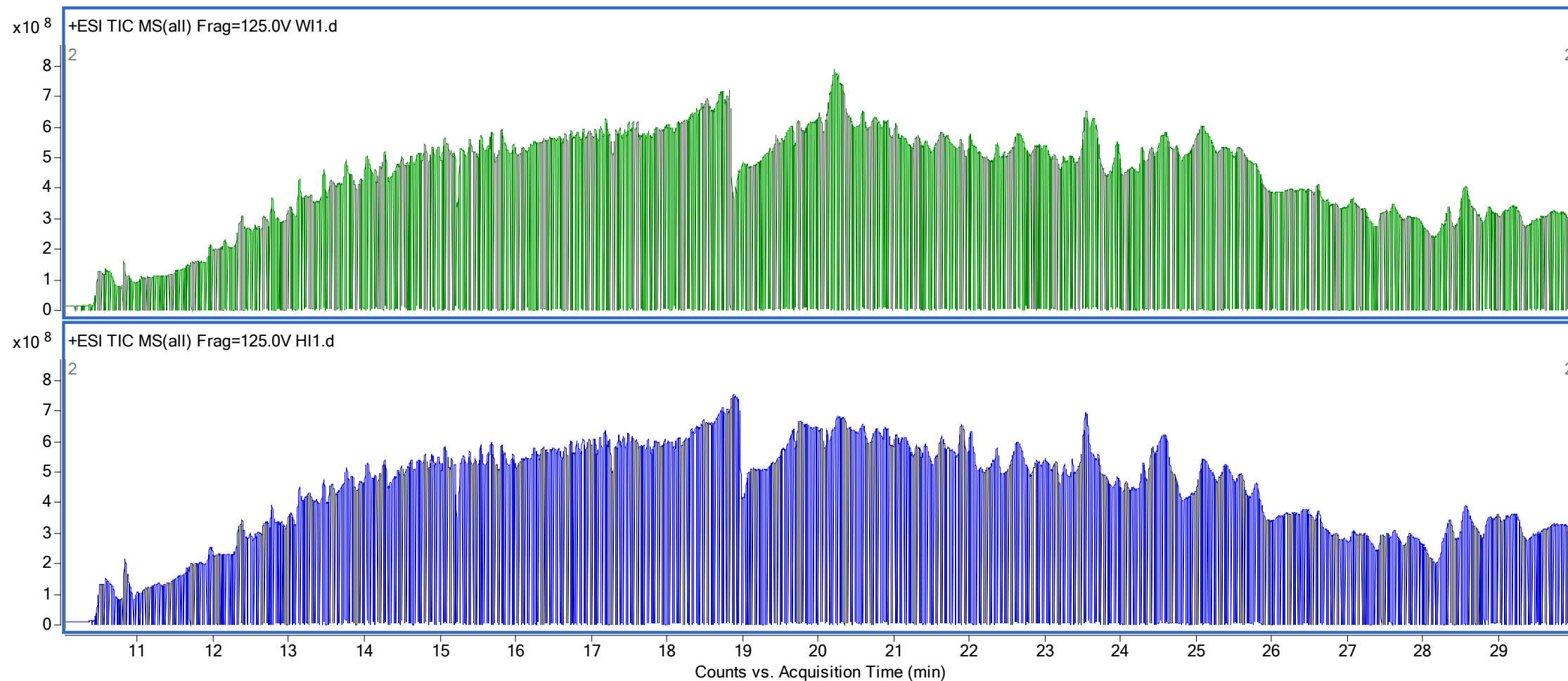
Predicted for Atrazine vs actual d5-Atrazine



Predicted Medium Energy MsMs Spectrum (20V), M+



TIC of 2 Influent Wastewater Samples- MS and MS/MS



Summary of results and processing

Data from all samples combined:

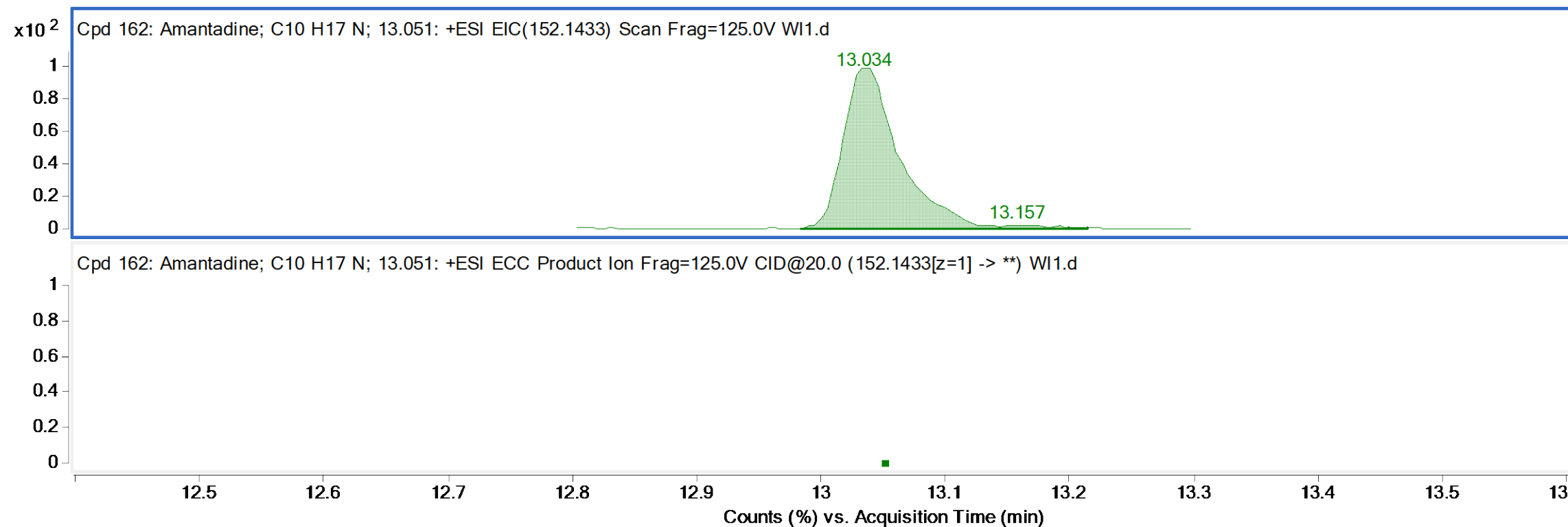
- >9,000 total MS/MS spectra
- >60,000 candidate structures returned from precursor search using CompTox Dashboard
- Taking the highest score candidate structure from each precursor:
 - 311 unique chemical structures with at least a moderate spectral match score
 - 80 unique chemical structures with a high spectral match score

Summary of results and processing

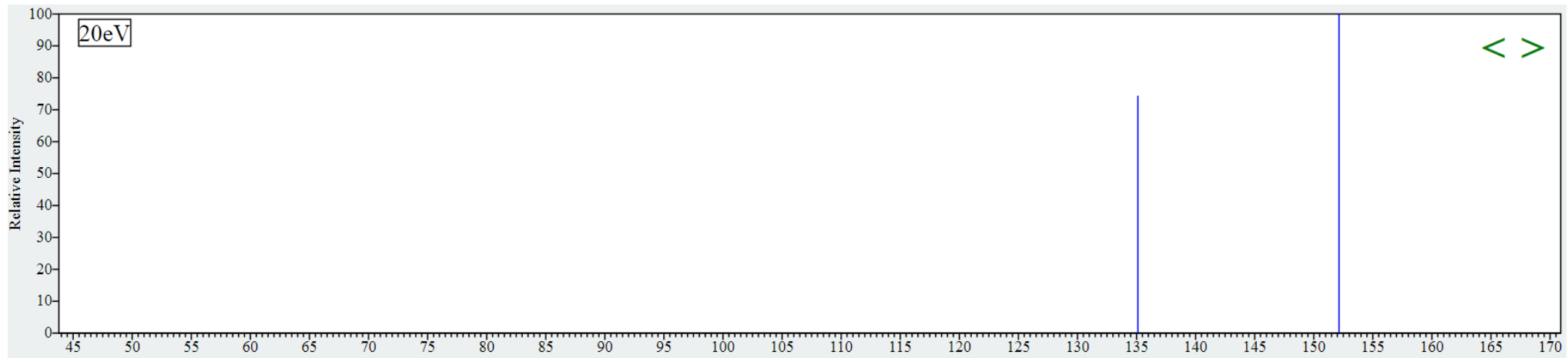
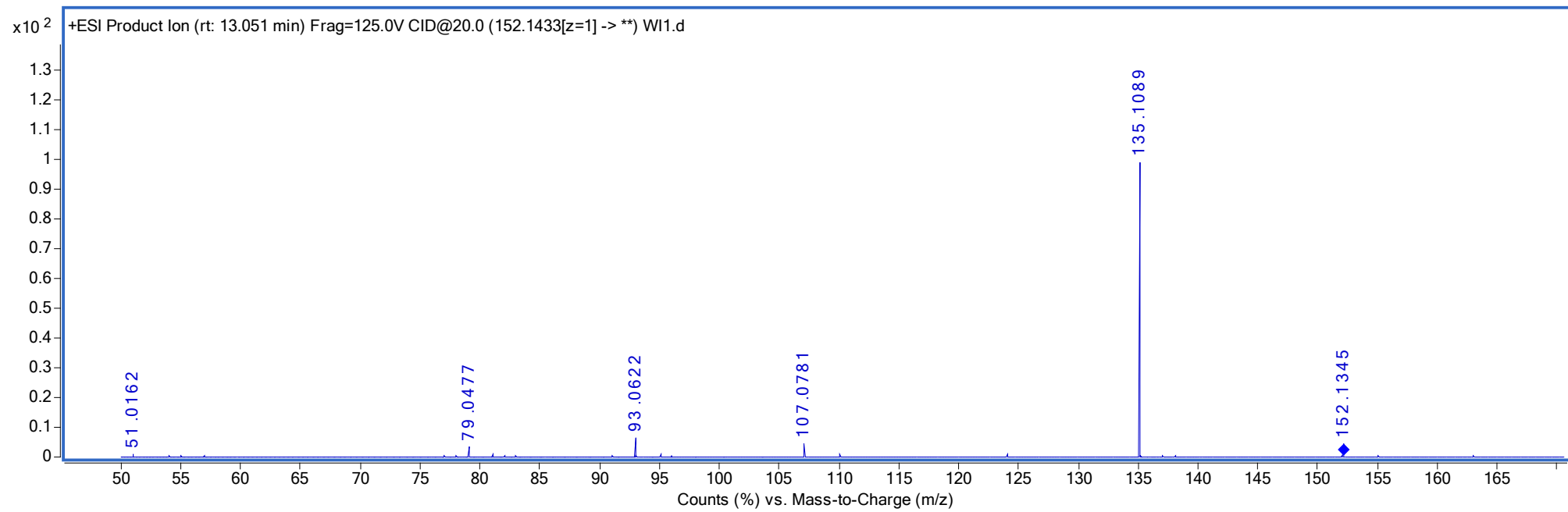
Small Excerpt of Influent Results

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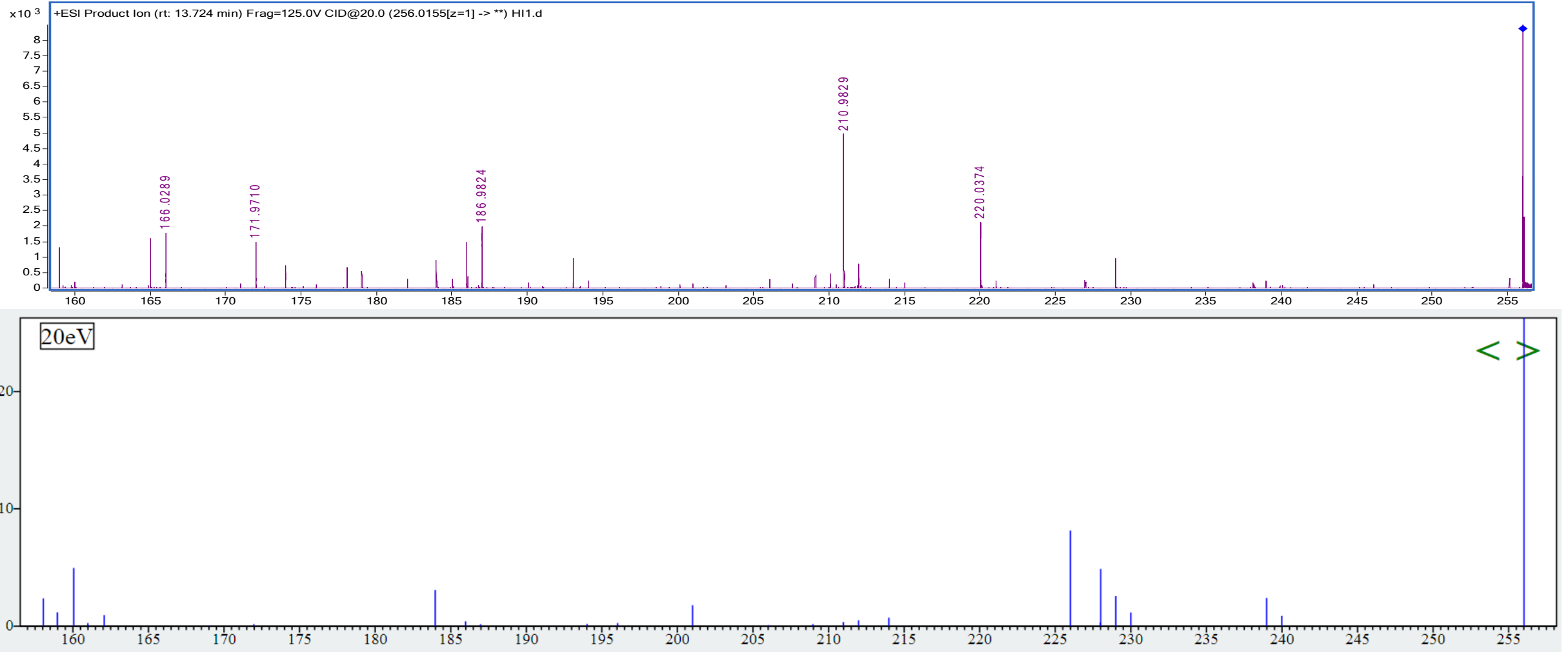
EIC of Precursor and MS/MS (one point)



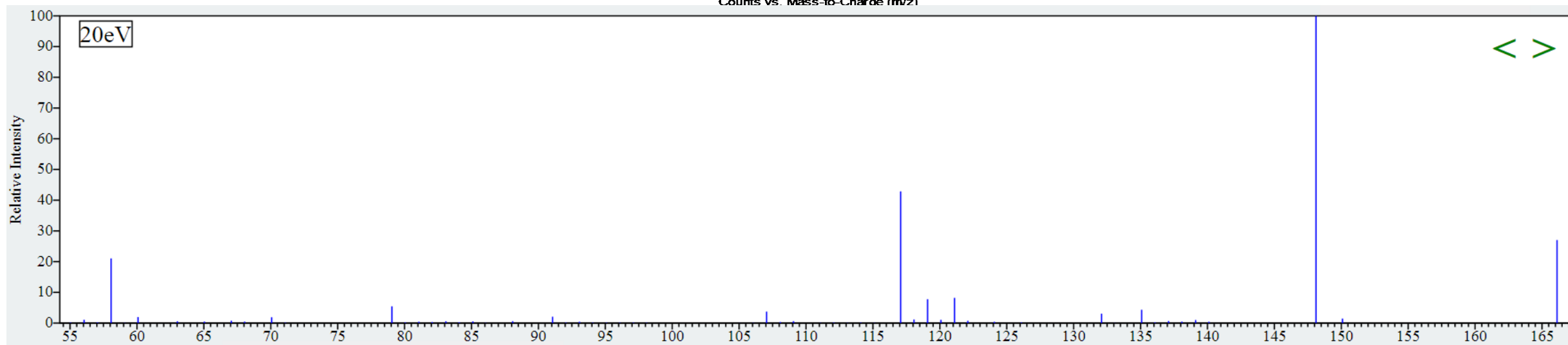
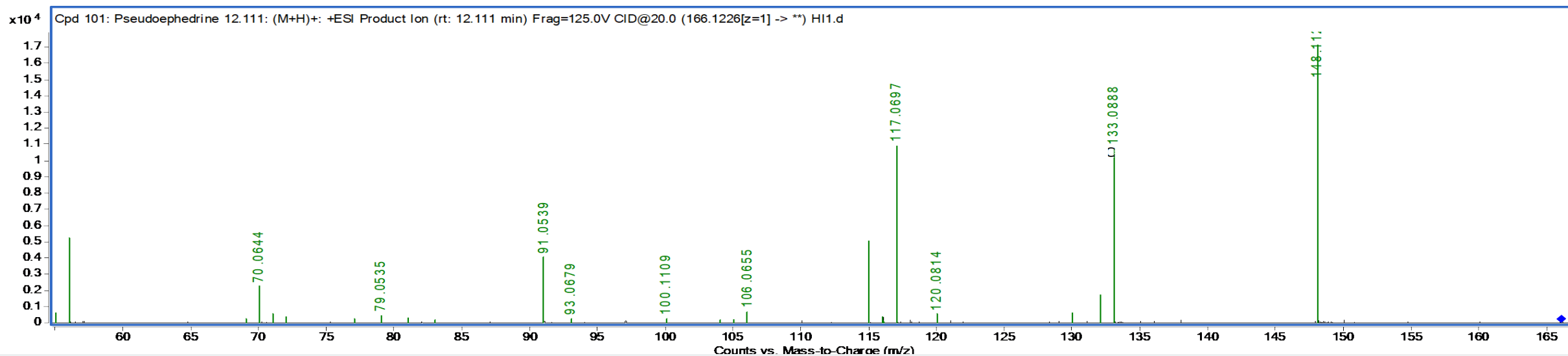
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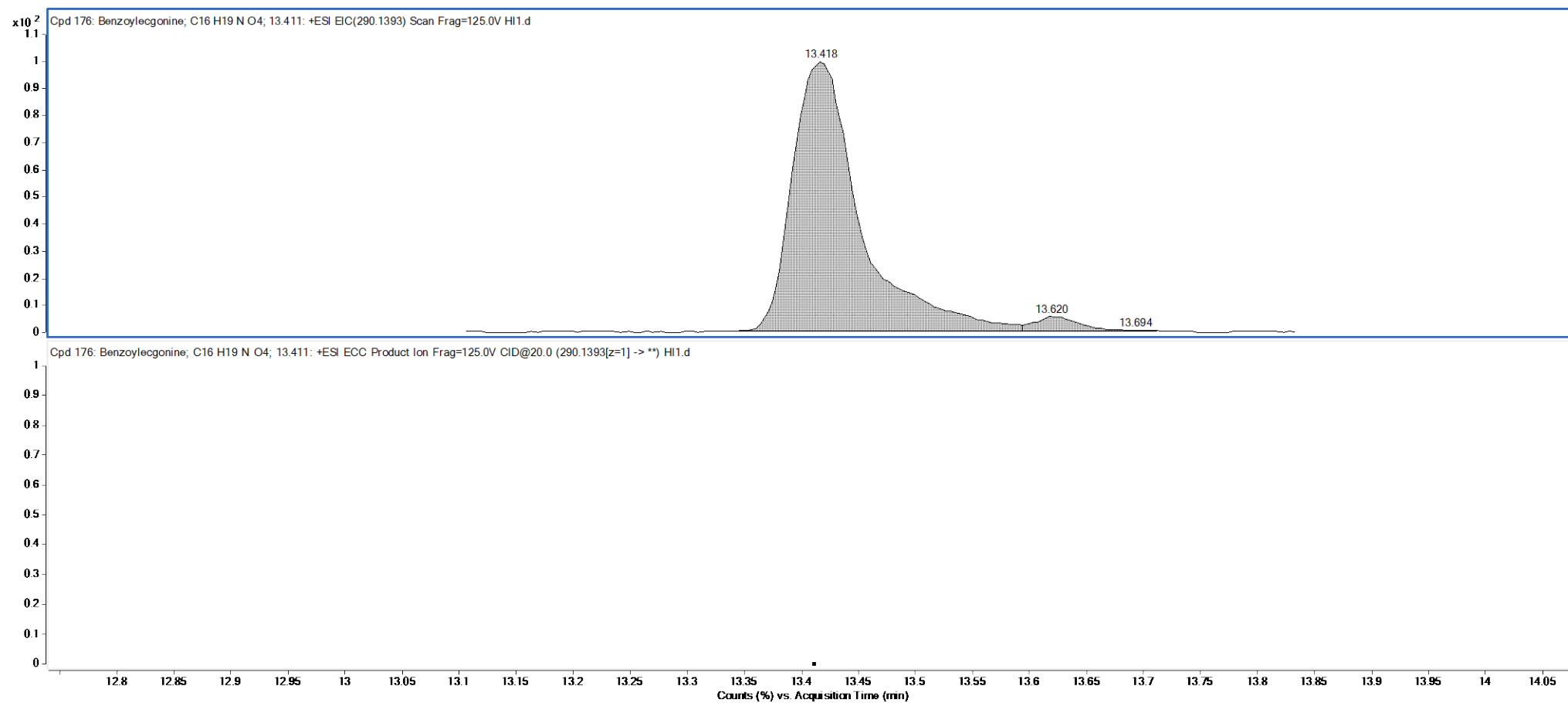
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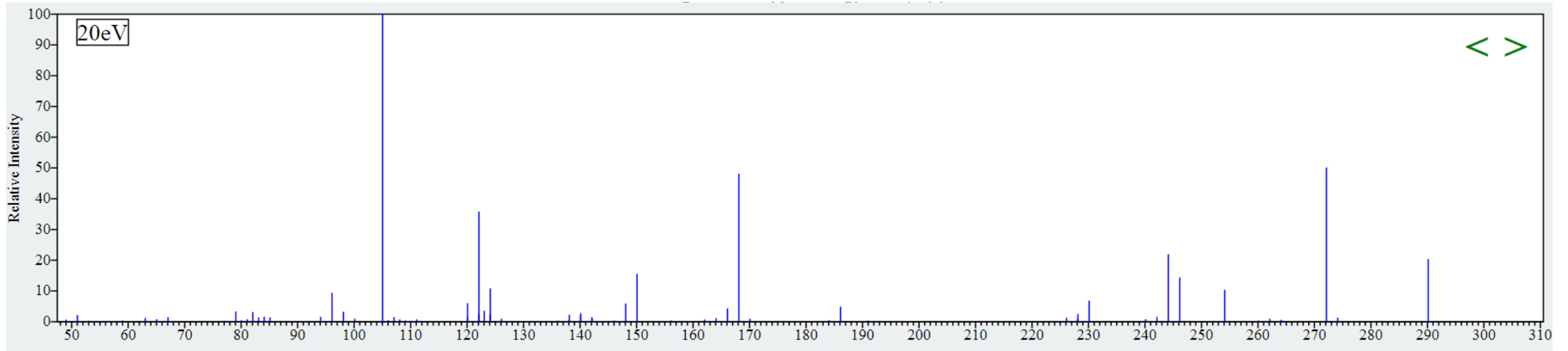
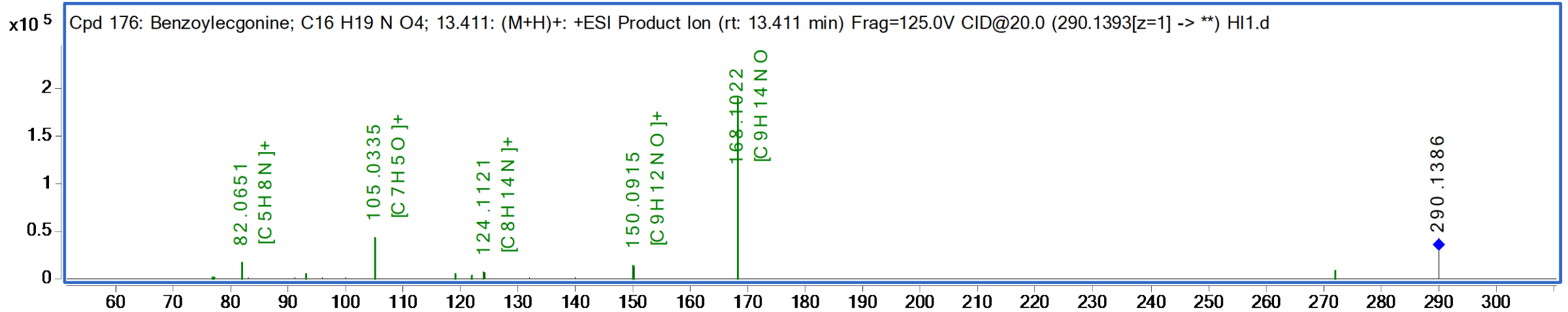
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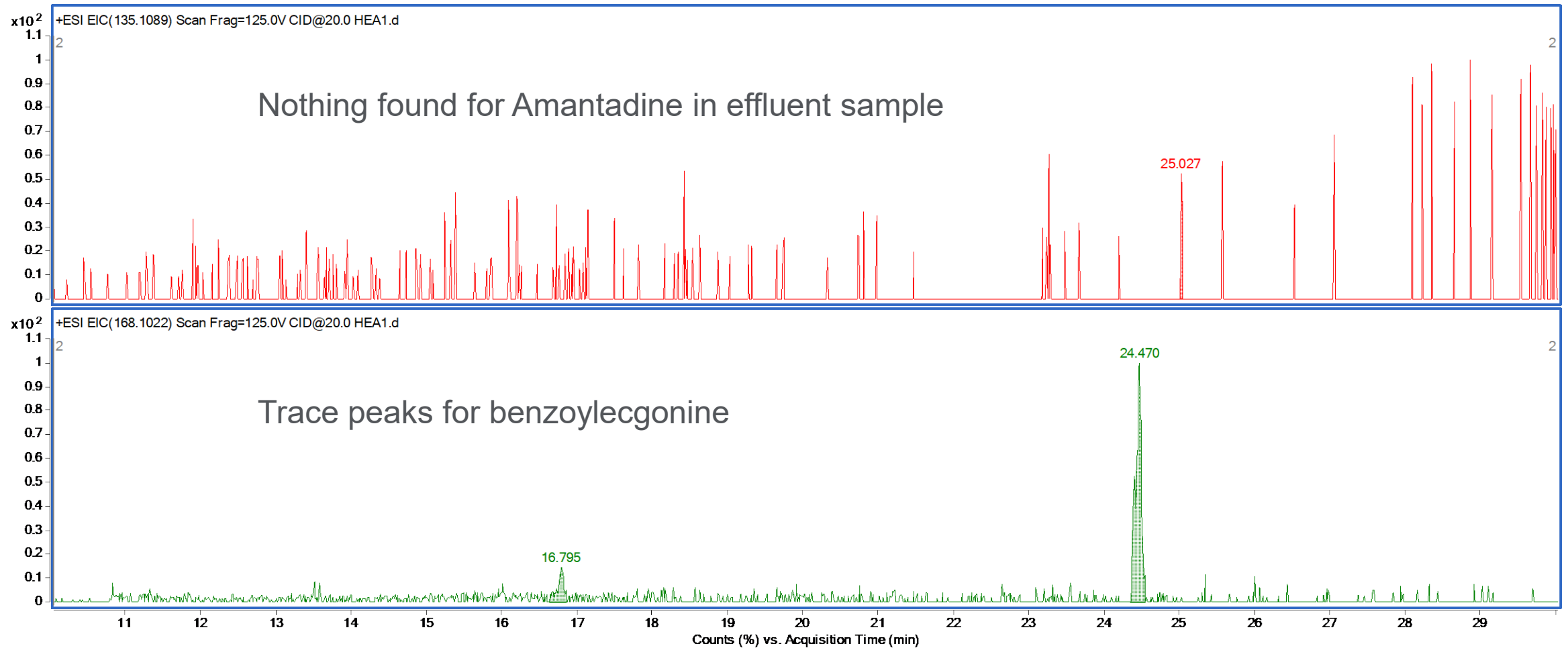
Benzoylecgonine (not listed in search results)



MS/MS of benzoylecgonine



Finding transformation products in the effluent using All Ions and familial fragment EIC



What's in our water?



Conclusions

- Non-targeted Screening with HRAM MS can detect a mammoth number of organic compounds without having standards
- False positives in complex samples can make the results untenable
- Fragment ions can reduce false positives significantly
- **PROTOTYPE** application integrating dashboard chemical content with CFM-ID fragment prediction results enables screening **875,000 plus “MS Ready”** compounds in complex samples – available only inside EPA at present and will be released in future (no deadline)
- As software tools develop this will provide tremendous capability to detect contaminants and assure quality
- Prototype will be integrated to the CompTox Chemicals Dashboard for public access in the future

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