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Define AI in on sentence?

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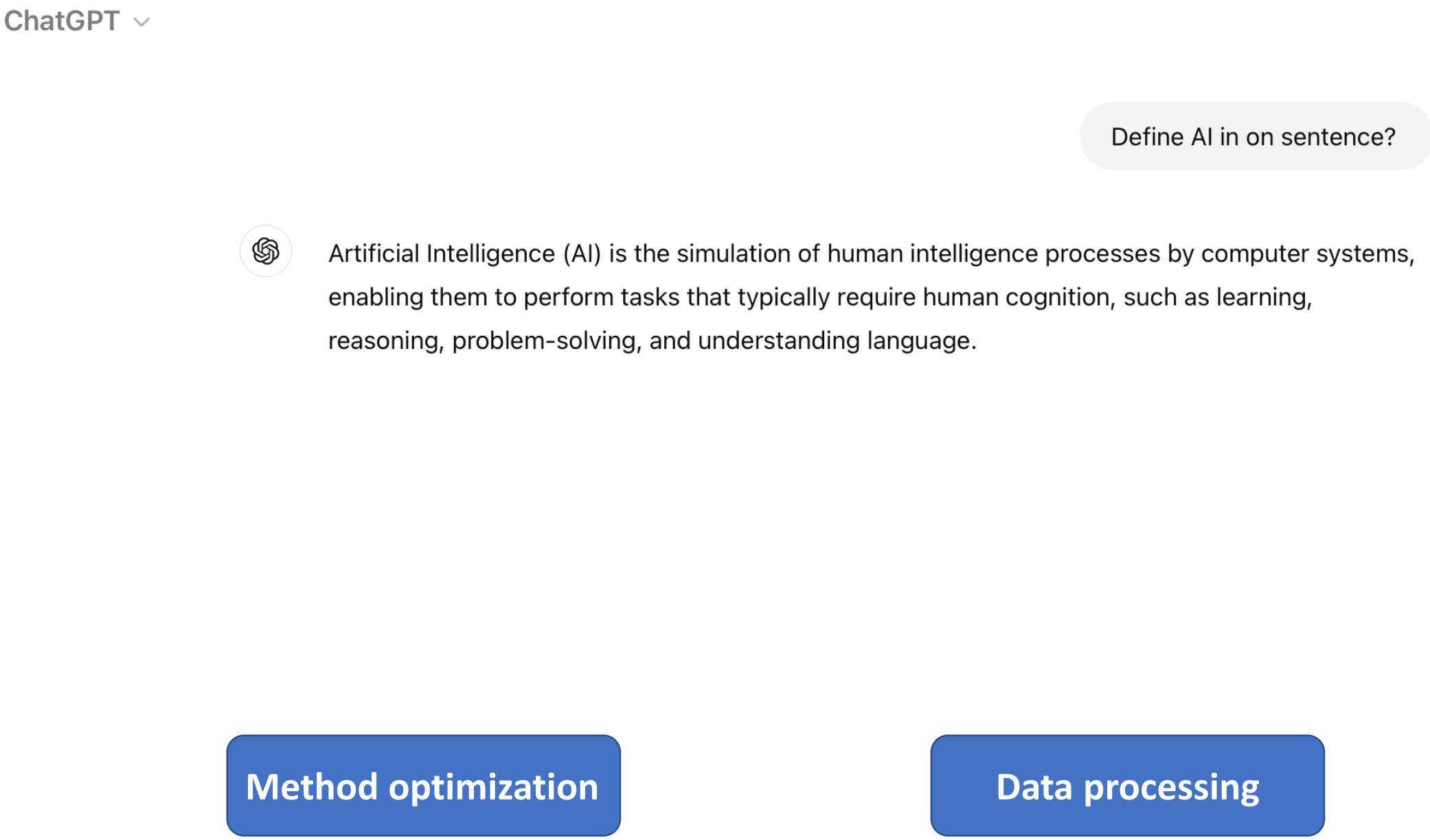

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GPT concept

GPT: Generative **P**re-trained **T**ransformer

Generative: *The model is generating information* → What we ask

Pre-trained: *The model has been trained on a large amount of data* → The quality of the training

Transformer: *The underlying architecture of neural network model* → The way he manage the information

GC×GC-TOFMS: the principle

The sample

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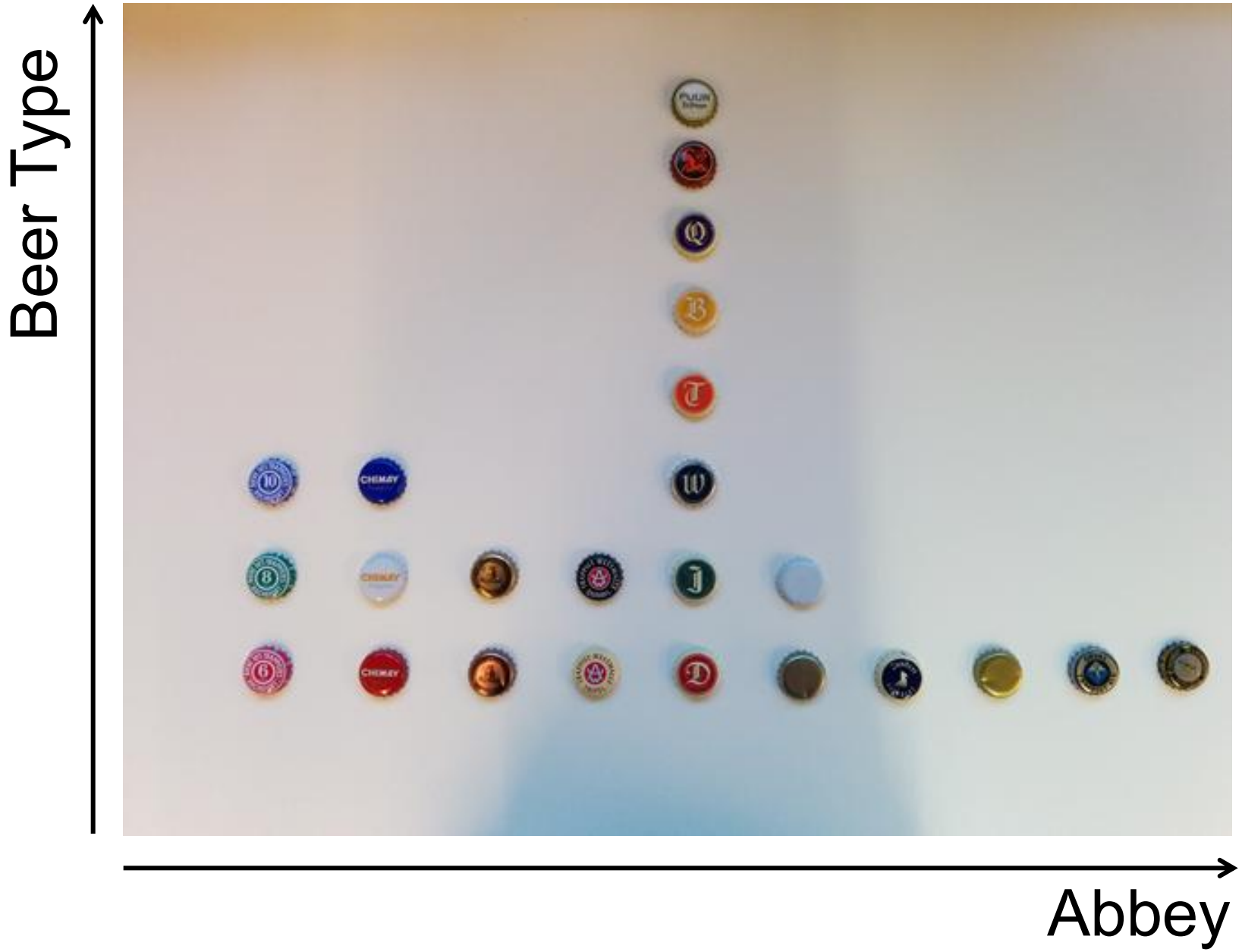
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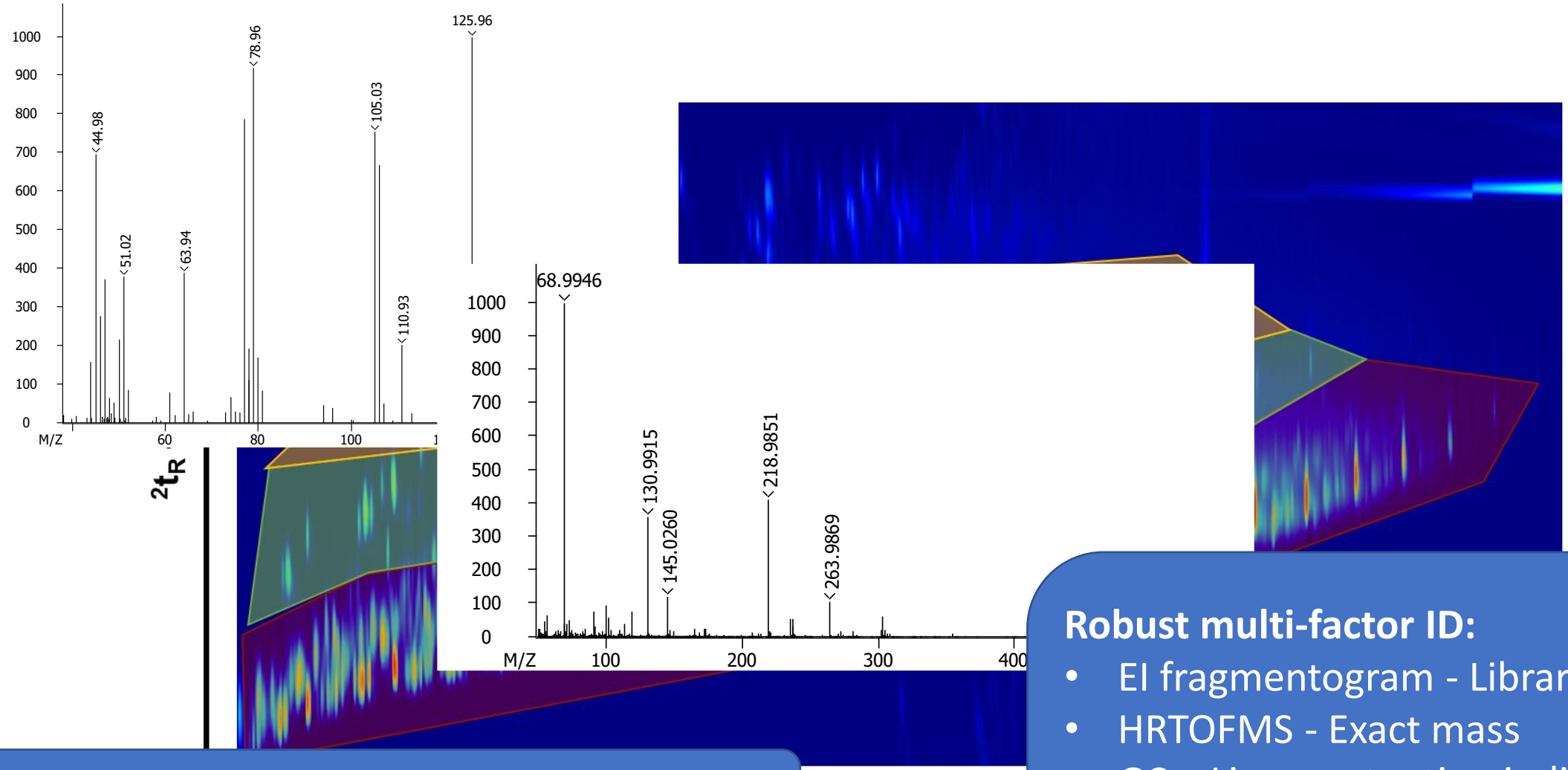

How to handle the method development?

How to manage the data processing?

Robust multi-factor ID:

- EI fragmentogram - Library match
- HRTOFMS - Exact mass
- GC – Linear retention indices
- GCxGC – Elution pattern

→ **Level 2 MSI ID**

Generative I: Method optimization

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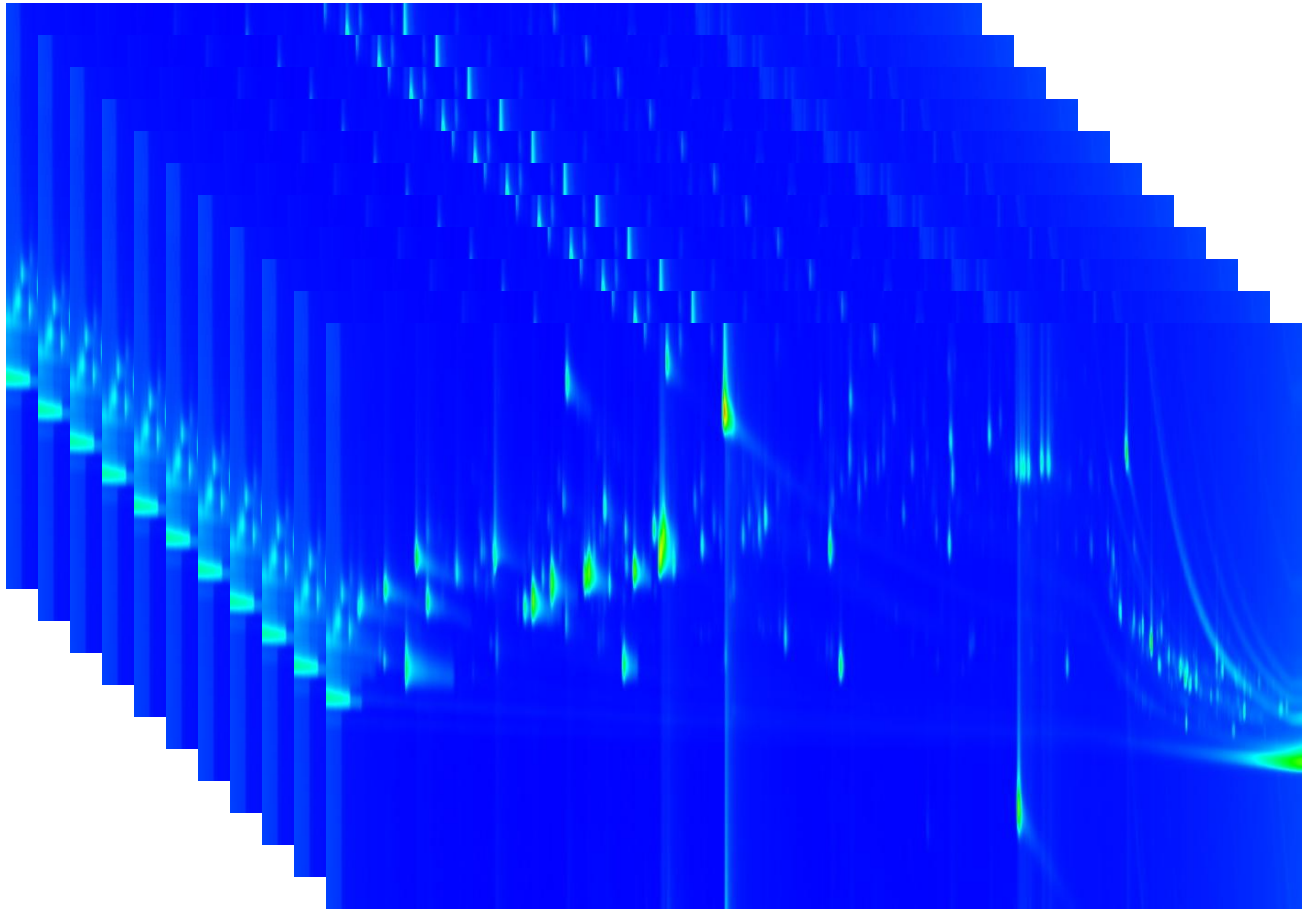

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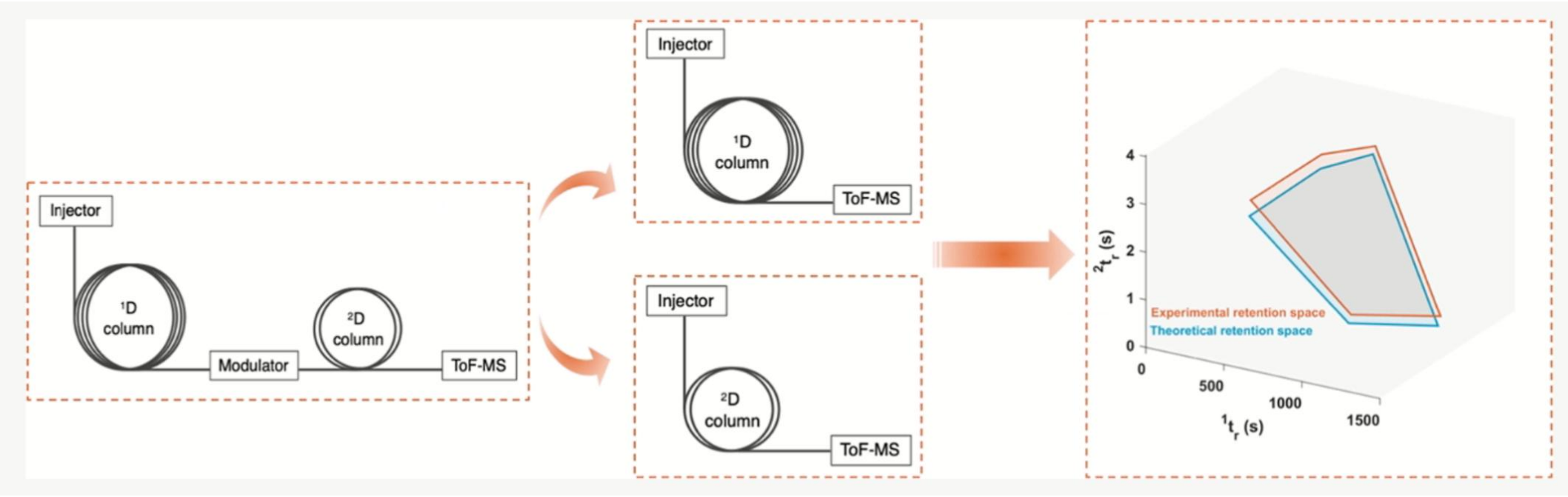

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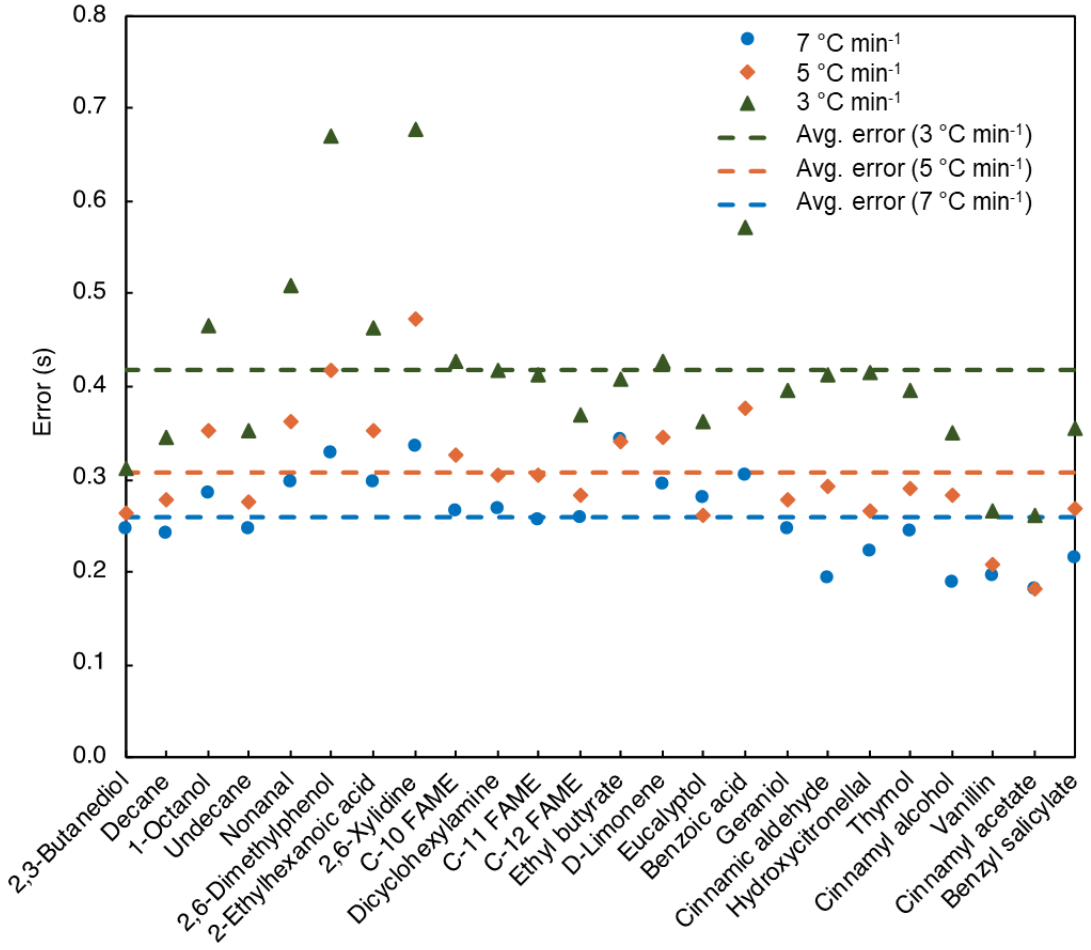

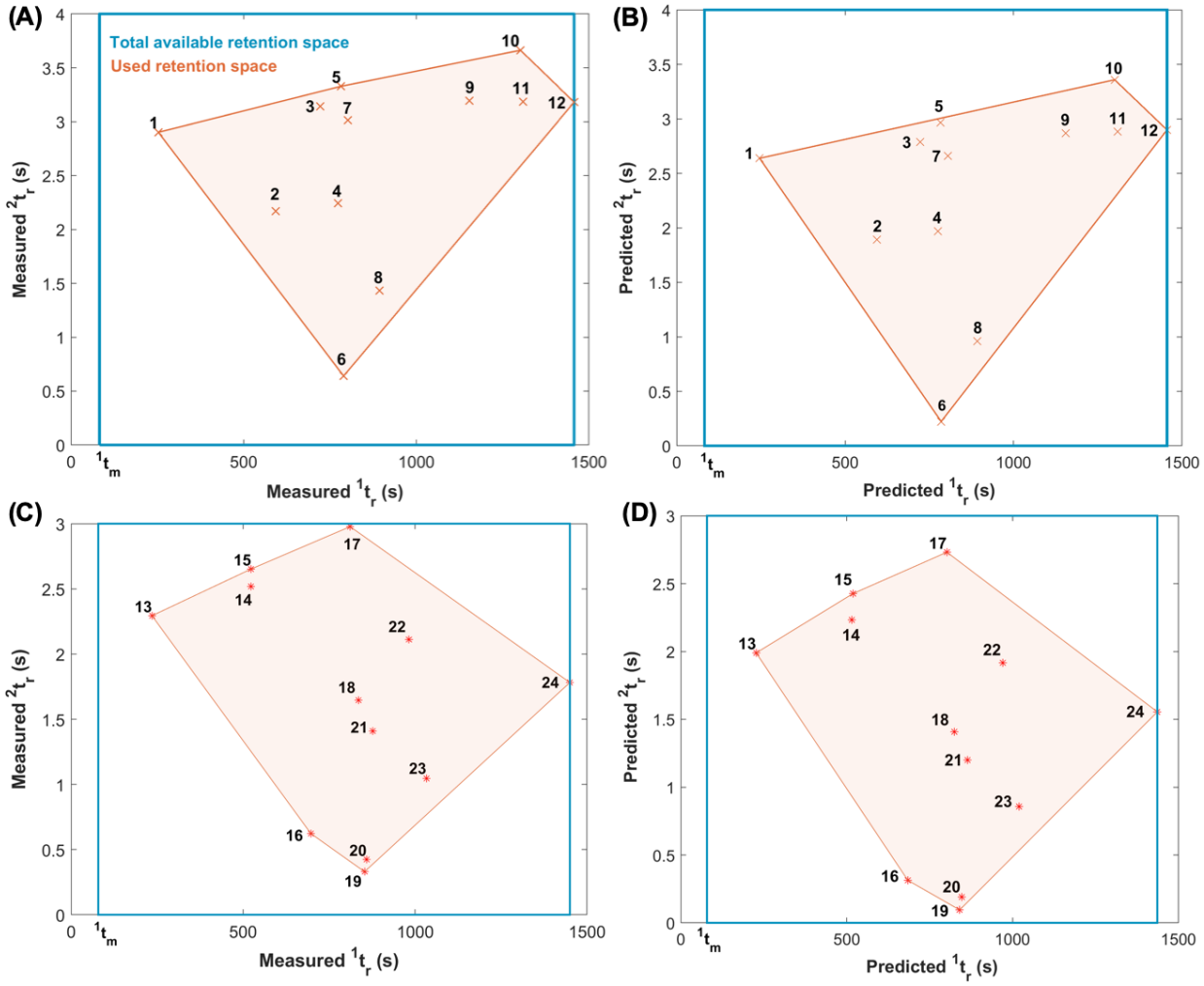

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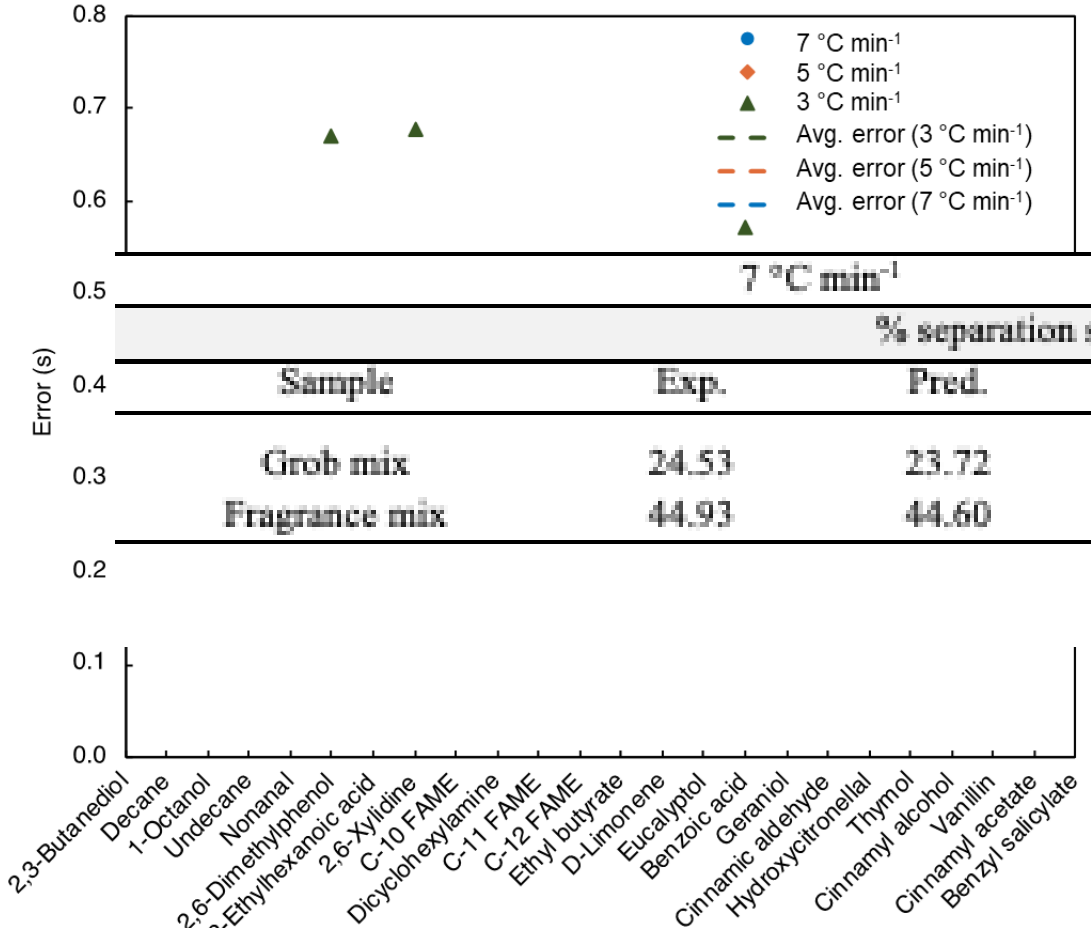
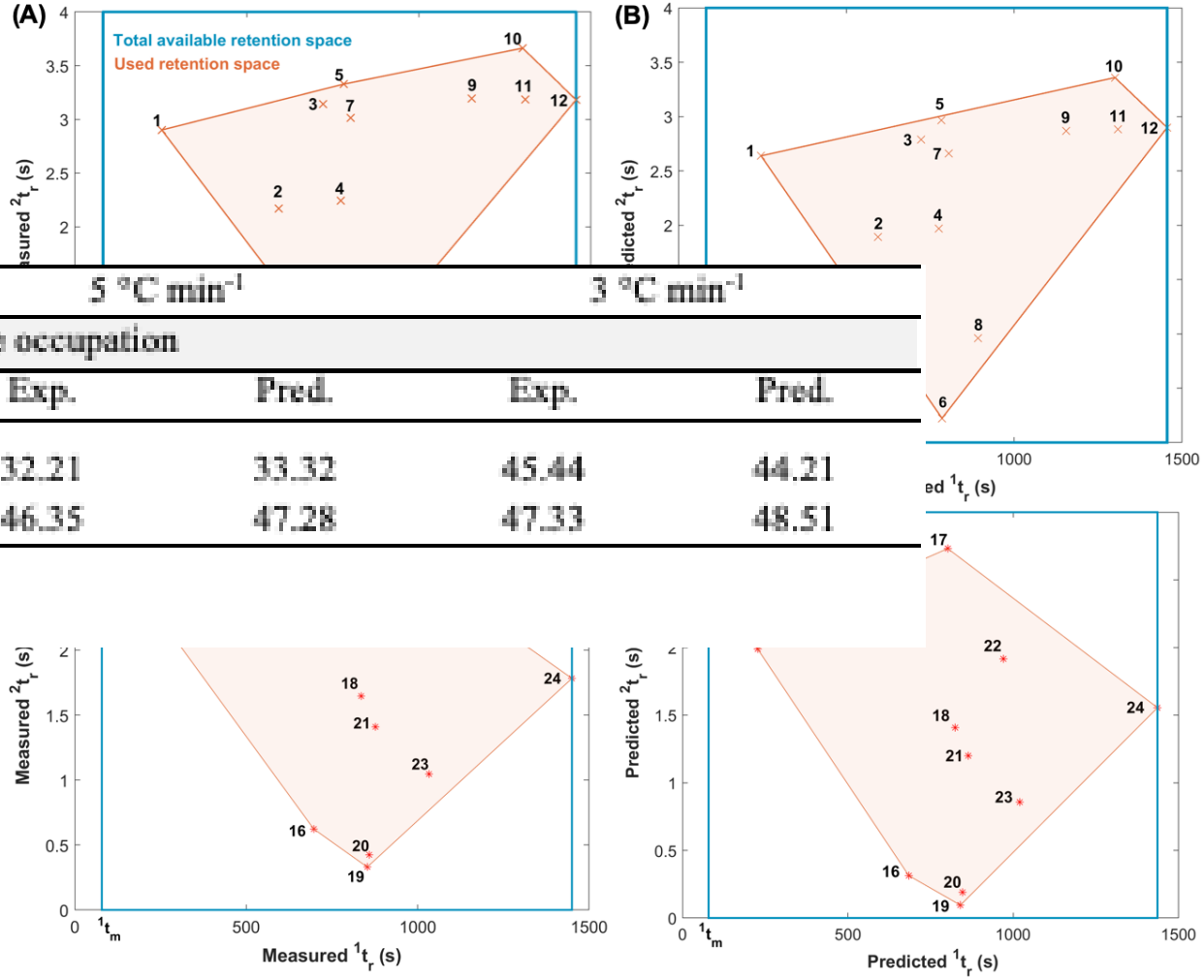


% separation space occupation						
	7 °C min^{-1}		5 °C min^{-1}		3 °C min^{-1}	
Sample	Exp.	Pred.	Exp.	Pred.	Exp.	Pred.
Grob mix	24.53	23.72	32.21	33.32	45.44	44.21
Fragrance mix	44.93	44.60	46.35	47.28	47.33	48.51



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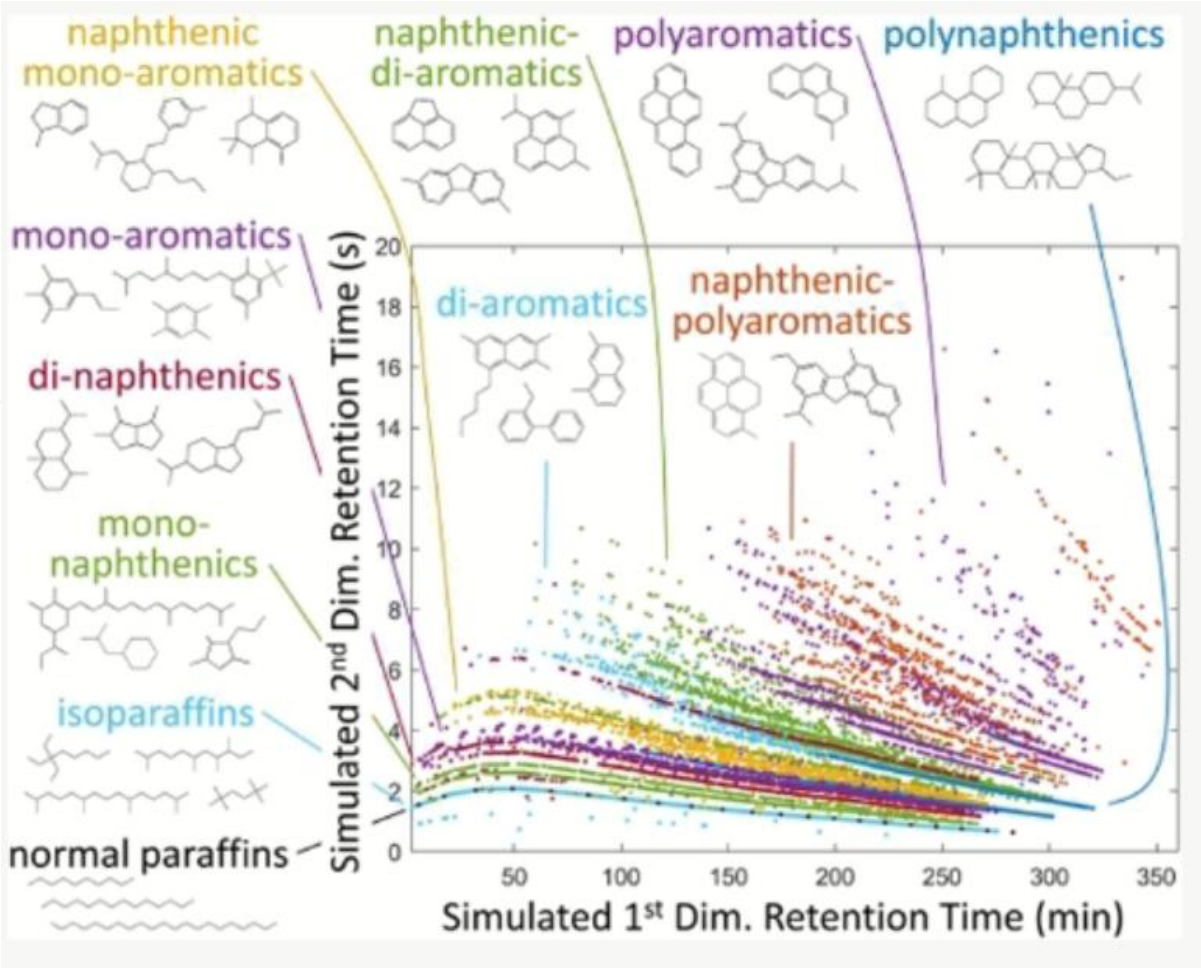

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Pre-trained: reuse previous data

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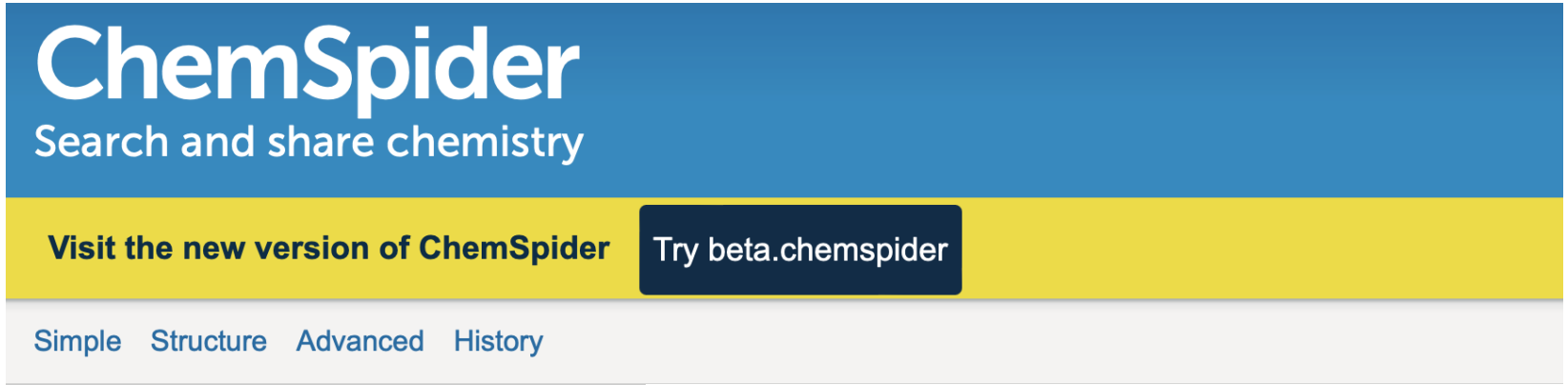

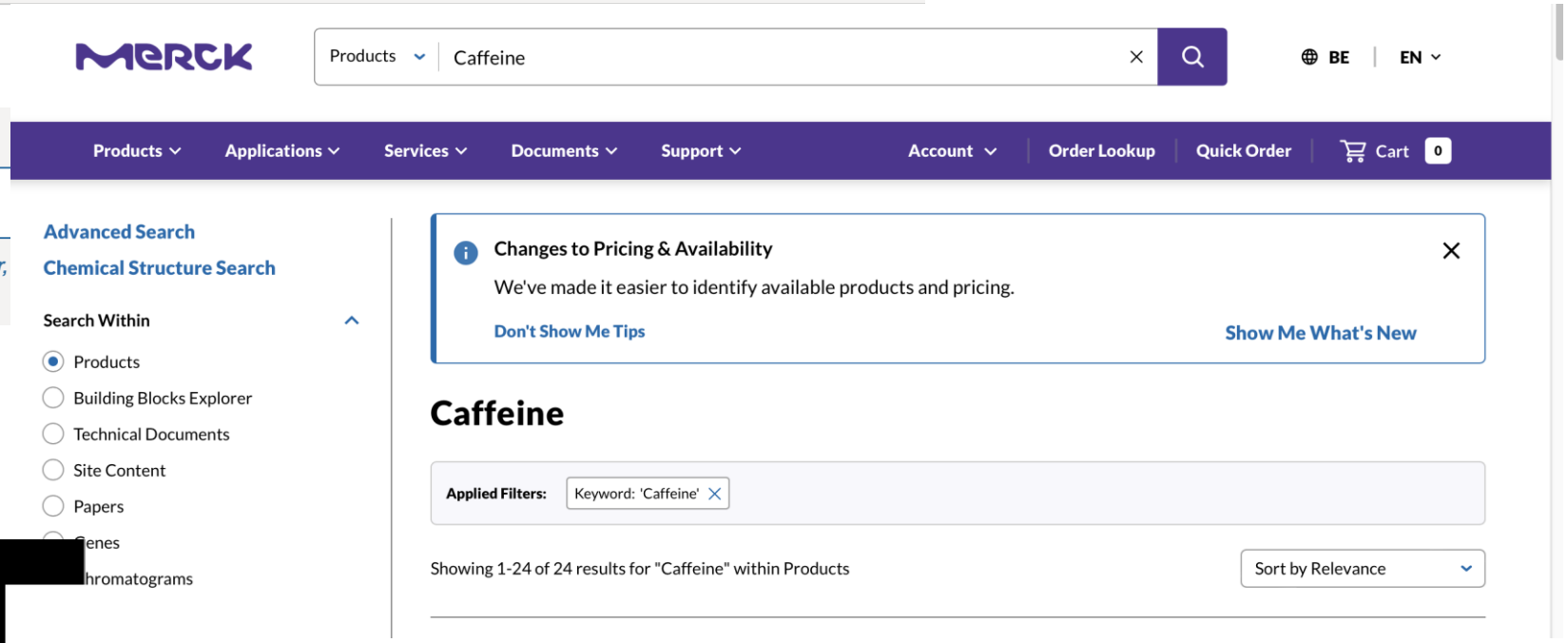

Pre-trained: **generating data as a community**

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1 – Column classification

- Century mix analysis across **20 Column combinations**

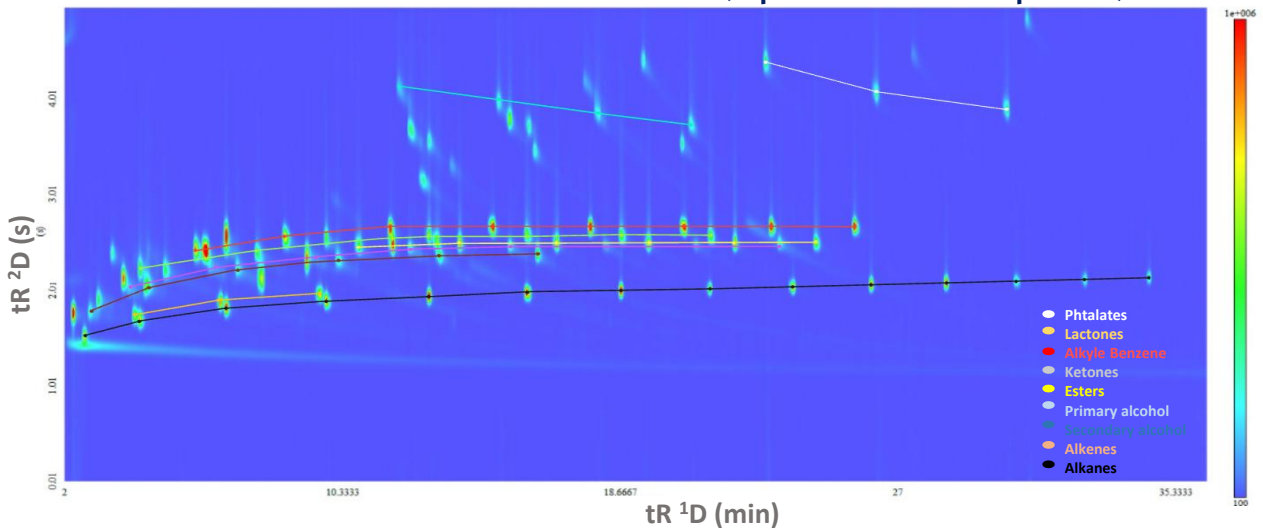
Polarity	Apolar	Mid-Polar	Polar
Apolar			
Mid-Polar			
Polar			

Normal orthogonality

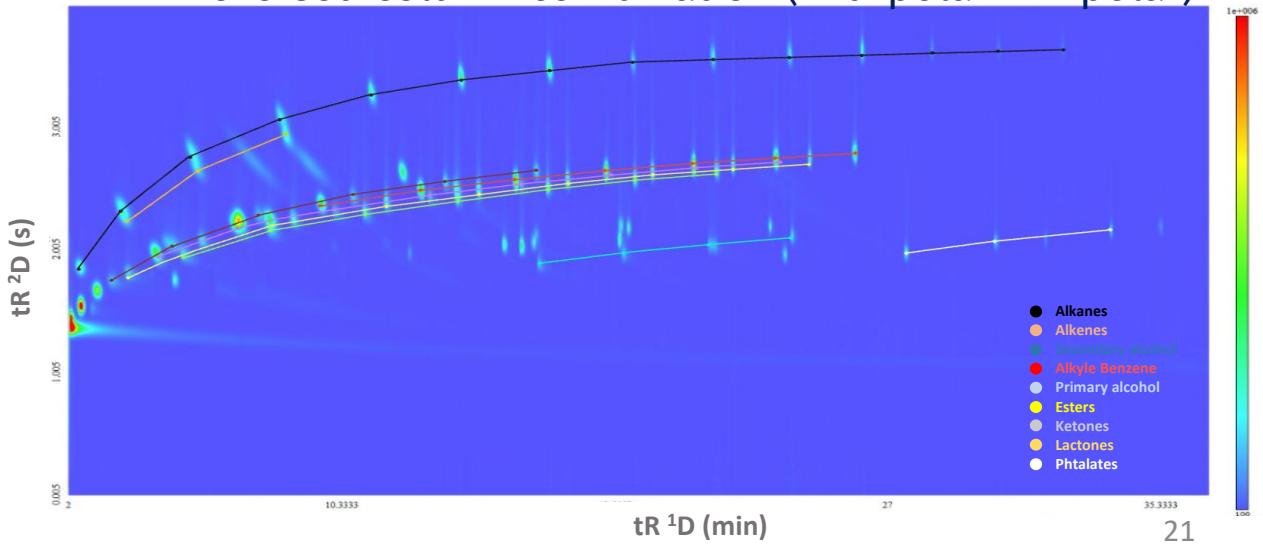
Non-orthogonal

Reversed orthogonality

Normal column combination (Apolar × Mid-polar)



Reversed column combination (Mid-polar × Apolar)



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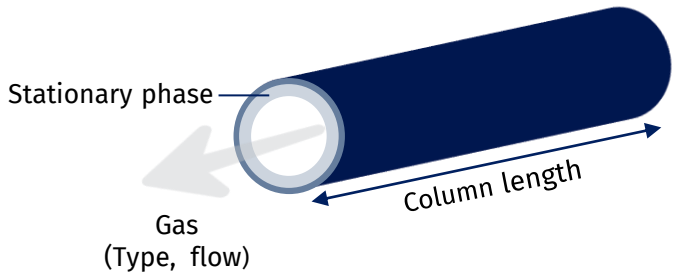
1 – System evaluation

- Stationary phase film thickness (0.1 à 1.4 µm)
- Temperature ramp (2 à 15 °C/min)
- Gas type (He, H_2, N_2)
- Gas flow (0.8 à 1.5 mL/min)



2 – Data Collection

Retention time , elution order , geometric peak repartition Etc

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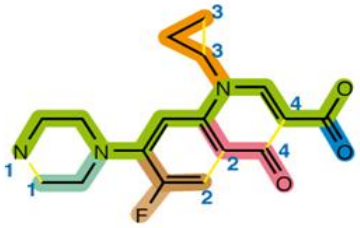
Boiling points, polarity moment, **SMILES Annotation**



Ciprofloxacin SMILES Annotation

N1CCN(CC1)C(C(F)=C2)=CC(=C2C4=O)N(C3CC3)C=C4C(=O)O

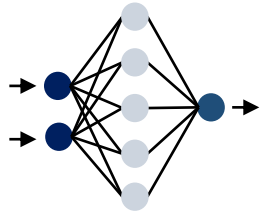
3 – Modelisation-Prediction

Retention indices prediction

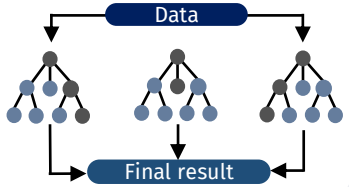
(System-independent constants)

Machine Learning Algorithm

Artificial neural network



Random Forest



Transformer: mostly neural network

Define neural network in one sentence

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Deep Learning, a step further for transformers

Machine Learning	Deep Learning
Possible to train with fewer data	Large datasets for training
Statistical algorithms	Artificial Neural Networks (ANN)
Structured data	Unstructured data
Limited tuning capabilities	Can be tuned in multiple ways
Simpler applications	More complex applications

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