

# The NIST Mass Spectrometry Data Program

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Distributors' Meeting  
PITTCON '02  
March 19, 2002



Public Law 90-396  
90th Congress, H. R. 6279  
July 11, 1968

## An Act

To provide for the collection, compilation, critical evaluation, publication, and sale of standard reference data.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

Standard Refer-  
ence Data Act.

### DECLARATION OF POLICY

SECTION 1. The Congress hereby finds and declares that reliable standardized scientific and technical reference data are of vital importance to the progress of the Nation's science and technology. It is therefore the policy of the Congress to make critically evaluated reference data readily available to scientists, engineers, and the general public. It is the purpose of this Act to strengthen and enhance this policy

82 STAT. 339

SEC. 2. For the purposes of this Act—

(a) The term "standard reference data" means quantitative information, related to a measurable physical or chemical property of a substance or system of substances of known composition and structure, which is critically evaluated as to its reliability under section 3 of this Act.

(b) The term "Secretary" means the Secretary of Commerce.

SEC. 3. The Secretary is authorized and directed to provide or arrange for the collection, compilation, critical evaluation, publication, and dissemination of standard reference data. In carrying out this program, the Secretary shall, to the maximum extent practicable, utilize the reference data services and facilities of other agencies and instrumentalities of the Federal Government and of State and local governments, persons, firms, institutions, and associations, with their consent and in such a manner as to avoid duplication of those services and facilities. All agencies and instrumentalities of the Federal Government are encouraged to exercise their duties and functions in such manner as will assist in carrying out the purpose of this Act. This section shall be deemed complementary to existing authority, and nothing herein is intended to repeal, supersede, or diminish existing authority or responsibility of any agency or instrumentality of the Federal Government.

Collection and publication of standard reference data.

SEC. 4. To provide for more effective integration and coordination of standard reference data activities, the Secretary, in consultation with other interested Federal agencies, shall prescribe and publish in the Federal Register such standards, criteria, and procedures for the preparation and publication of standard reference data as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act.

Standards, etc.  
Publication in Federal Register.

SEC. 5. Standard reference data conforming to standards established by the Secretary may be made available and sold by the Secretary or by a person or agency designated by him. To the extent practicable and appropriate, the prices established for such data may reflect the cost of collection, compilation, evaluation, publication, and dissemination of the data, including administrative expenses; and the amounts received shall be subject to the Act of March 3, 1901, as amended (15 U.S.C. 271-278e).

Sale of reference data.  
Cost recovery.

SEC. 6. (a) Notwithstanding the limitations contained in section 8 of title 17 of the United States Code, the Secretary may secure copyright and renewal thereof on behalf of the United States as author or proprietor in all or any part of any standard reference data which

31 Stat. 1449;  
U. S. copyright and renewal rights.  
61 Stat. 655;  
76 Stat. 446.

# **MS Library History**

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**1971 – EPA/NIH Collection of Collections**

**1978 – First Distribution – Tape, On-Line, Books**

**1983 – To EPA, Cincinnati**

**1988 – To NIST**

**1990 – Manual Evaluation/Algorithms**

**1998 – Evaluated Library**

**2002 – Major Update**

# Search Research

Instrument dependence of EI spectra  
and effects on library searching.

# Current Status

- Variety of instruments available for acquisition of mass spectra
  - Magnetic Sector
  - Ion Trap
  - Quadrupole
  - Time of Flight
- NIST Mass Spectral Database
  - Most data comes from quadrupole mass spectrometers

**Question:** Can I use non-quad data to search the NIST MS library??

**Answer:**

- “Yes”
  - Magnetic Sector
  - Time of Flight
- “Yes” and “Not Quite”
  - Ion Trap

# Ion trap data for many compounds is fine for NIST MS library searches.

EXAMPLE: Pesticides have shown good results

Compound Name	Quadrupole	Ion Trap
Anthracene-d10-	87	87
Chlordane	78	87
Chlorothalonil	95	92
Chlorpropham	95	94
Chrysene-d12	87	79
Dimethoate	83	72
Diphenylamine	99	93
Ethion	76	79
Methidathion	95	82
Methoxychlor	86	61 data is noisy
Permethrin	91	75
o-Phenylphenol	100	96
Phosmet	84	co-elutes with Trifluralin
Pirimiphos methyl	98	90
Terbufos	98	85
Trifluralin	94	90

Matrix sample GC/MS analysis with MS Library match factors between NIST 98 and Quadrupole and Ion Trap data

# Area Requiring Attention

Small molecules w/ oxygen, nitrogen, etc.

- Small hetero atom molecules are known to produce mass spectra that are different between quadrupole and ion trap instruments
  - ion intensities
  - product ions
- Library searching is difficult when
  - spectrum is not unique
  - molecular ion is small/nonexistent

# Ion Trap Spectra of small molecules (MW 50-225)

## Can I use NIST library or not?

**“YES”**

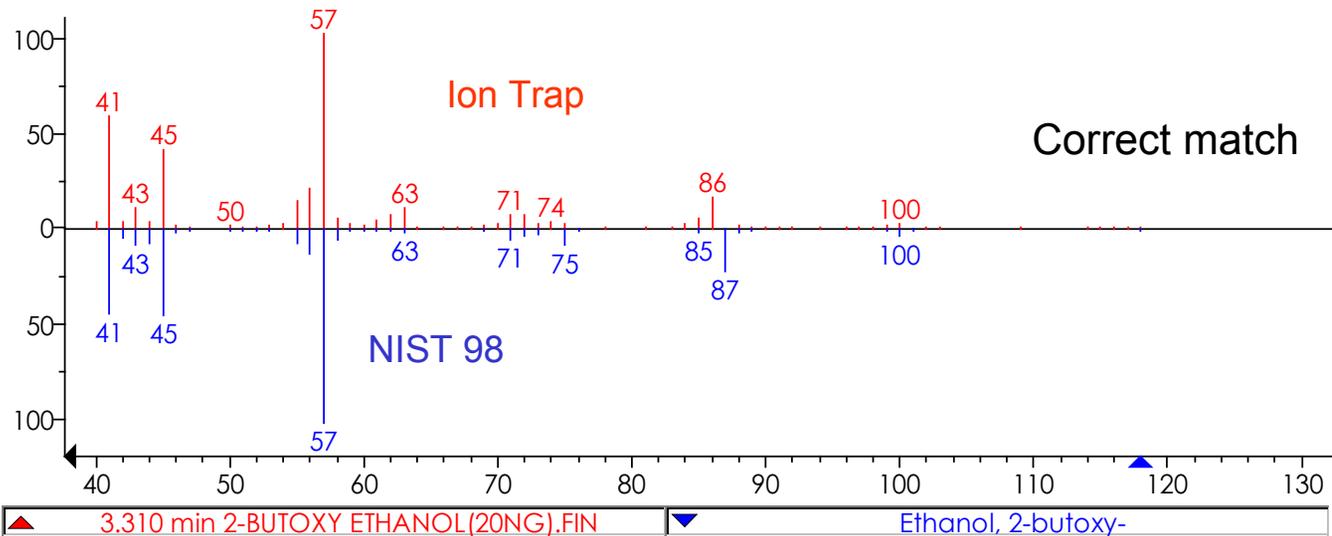
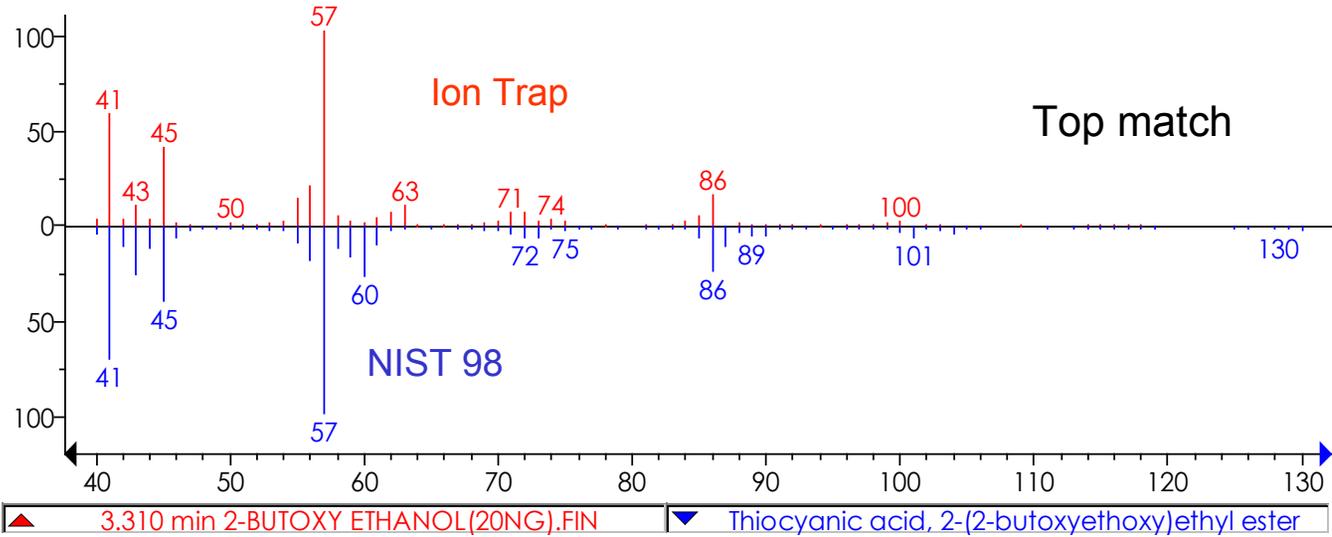
**“Not Quite”**

<b>Spectra that produce top matches with NIST 98</b>	<b>within top 10 hits</b>
Acetic acid, 1-methylethyl ester	1-Butanol
Acetic acid, butyl ester	2-Butenal
Butanoic acid, 3-oxo-, methyl ester	Ethanol, 2-butoxy-
1-Butanol	Hexane
1,4-Cyclohexanedimethanol	Methane, diethoxy-
1,4-Dioxane	Pentane
Ethanol, 2-mercapto-	1-Propanol
Ethanol, 2-phenoxy-	Propanoic acid, 2-methyl-, 2-methylpropyl ester
Ethyl Acetate	
Glycerin	
Hexanal, 2-ethyl-	
2-Hexanone, 5-methyl-	
Methylene Chloride	
N-Methyl-N-(2-hydroxyethyl)carbamic acid, methyl ester	
2-Propenoic acid, ethyl ester	
Propanoic acid, 3-ethoxy-, ethyl ester	
Triethylamine	
p-Xylene	

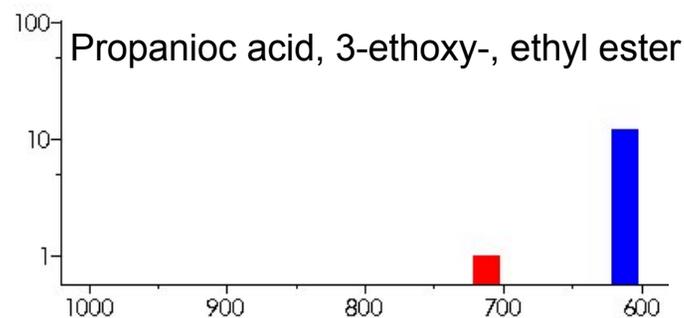
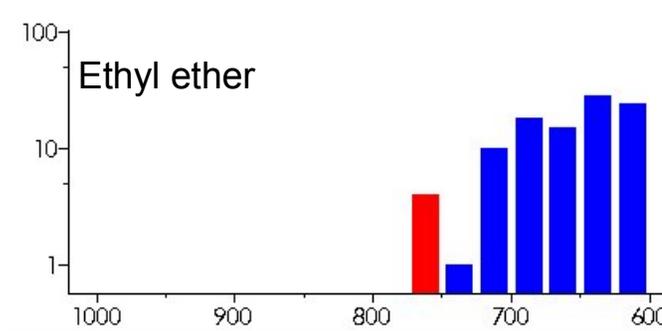
<b>incognito in the hit list</b>
1,4-Cyclohexanedimethanol
Ethanol, 2-ethoxy-
Ethyl ether
Hexane
Octane
1-Propanamine

# Example



# Top Library Hit Results

- match factors >700
- probabilities
  - 20-90%(top hit)
  - 2-55%(top 10 list)
  - 1-15% (incognito)



# How to Proceed?

- Include ion trap spectra of small molecules in NIST library
  - 60 small molecules
  - 75 pesticides
- Modify library search algorithm to improve search results from ion trap spectra
- Assess variations in spectra from ion trap instruments

# MS Data Program

## Mass Spectra for Compound Identification

- New Spectra
- Evaluation
- Algorithms
- Distribution

# New Spectra

## *Focus Areas*

- New Commercially Available
- Replicates for Important Compounds
- Derivatives
- Chemical Weapons Related

# New Spectra

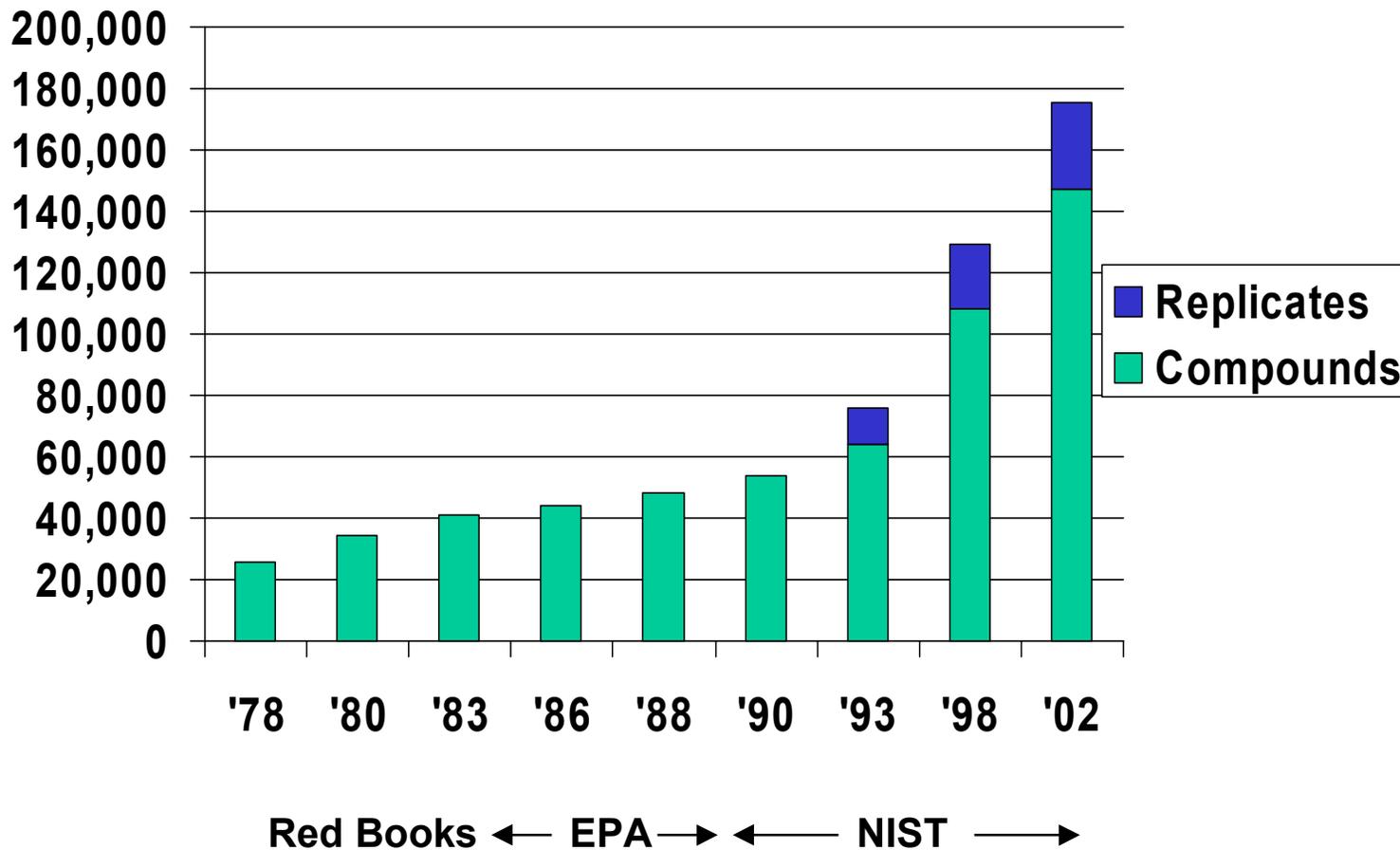
*Quality Up Front*

- Complete
- With chemical structures
- Documented
- Calibrated instruments
- Upstream filter

# Some Sources

- 14,000 Japan AIST/NIMC Collection: Commercially available common organic compounds
- 6,976 Russian Academy of Sciences : Institute of Petrochemical Synthesis:
  - Mostly Derivatives (silyl, acyl).
- 7,182 NIH measurements
  - Synthetic analogues of natural compounds, perspective drugs, drug metabolites, and their intermediates.
- 1,735 NIST
  - Commercially available common compounds, pesticides, drugs.
- 1,022 Eastman Chemical Company
  - Commercial and synthetic compounds and silyl derivatives.
- 406 Verifin (Finland)
  - : Chemical weapons and precursors.
- 348 HD-Science (UK)
  - : Silyl derivatives of drugs
- 138 Military Institute of Chemistry and Radiometry (Poland):
  - Chemical weapons related

# Numbers of Spectra



# Reliability

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## The Critical Evaluation of a Comprehensive Mass Spectral Library

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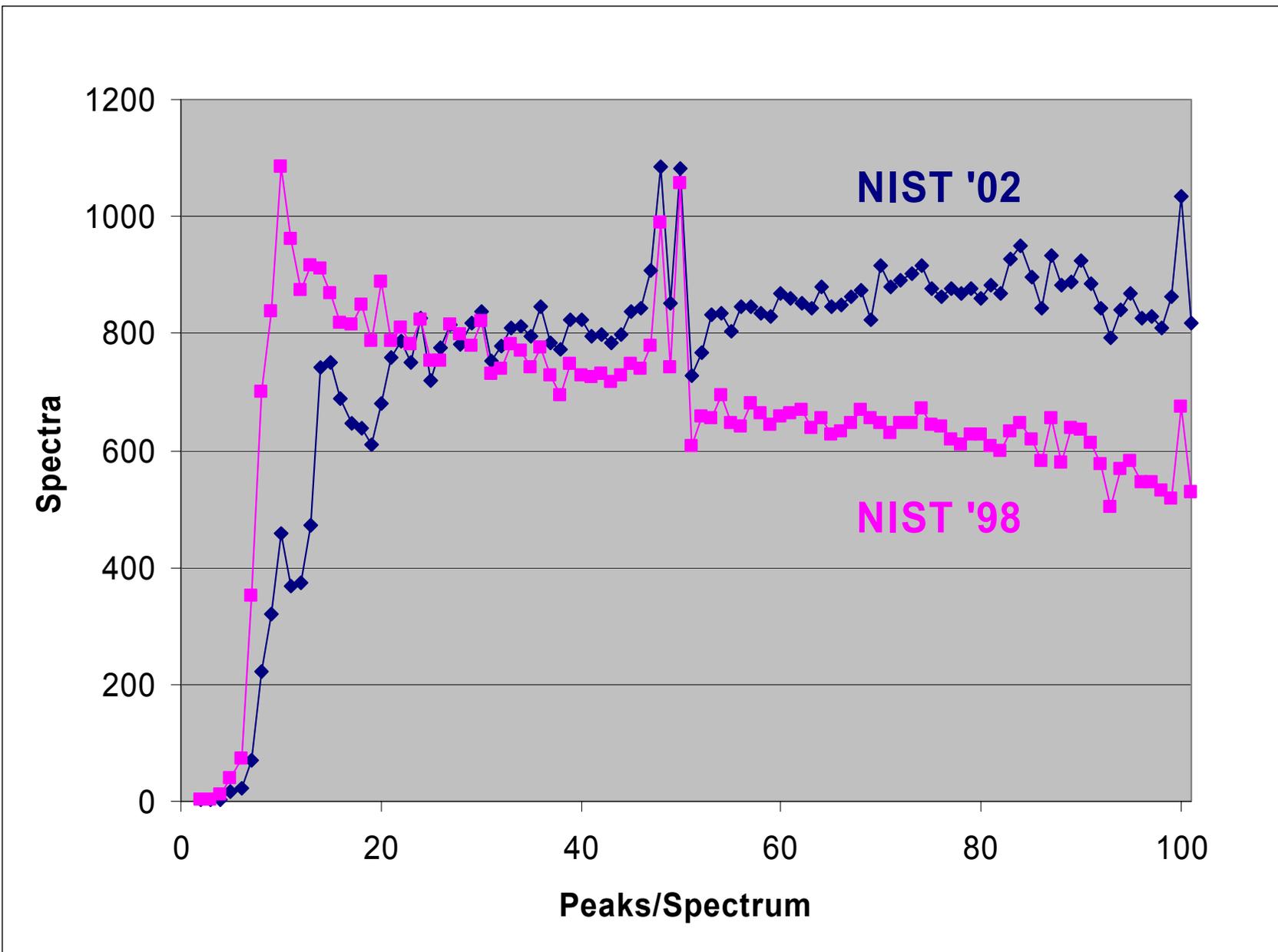
A description of the methods used to build a high quality, comprehensive reference library of electron-ionization mass spectra is presented. Emphasis is placed on the most challenging part of this project - the improvement of quality by expert evaluation. The methods employed for this task were developed over the course of a spectrum-by-spectrum review of a library containing well over 100,000 spectra. While the effectiveness of this quality improvement task depended critically on the expertise of the evaluators, a number of guidelines are discussed which were found to be effective in performing this onerous and often subjective task. A number of specific examples of the particularly challenging task of spectrum editing are given. (J Am Soc Mass Spectrom 199, 10, 287-299) © 1999 American Society for Mass Spectrometry

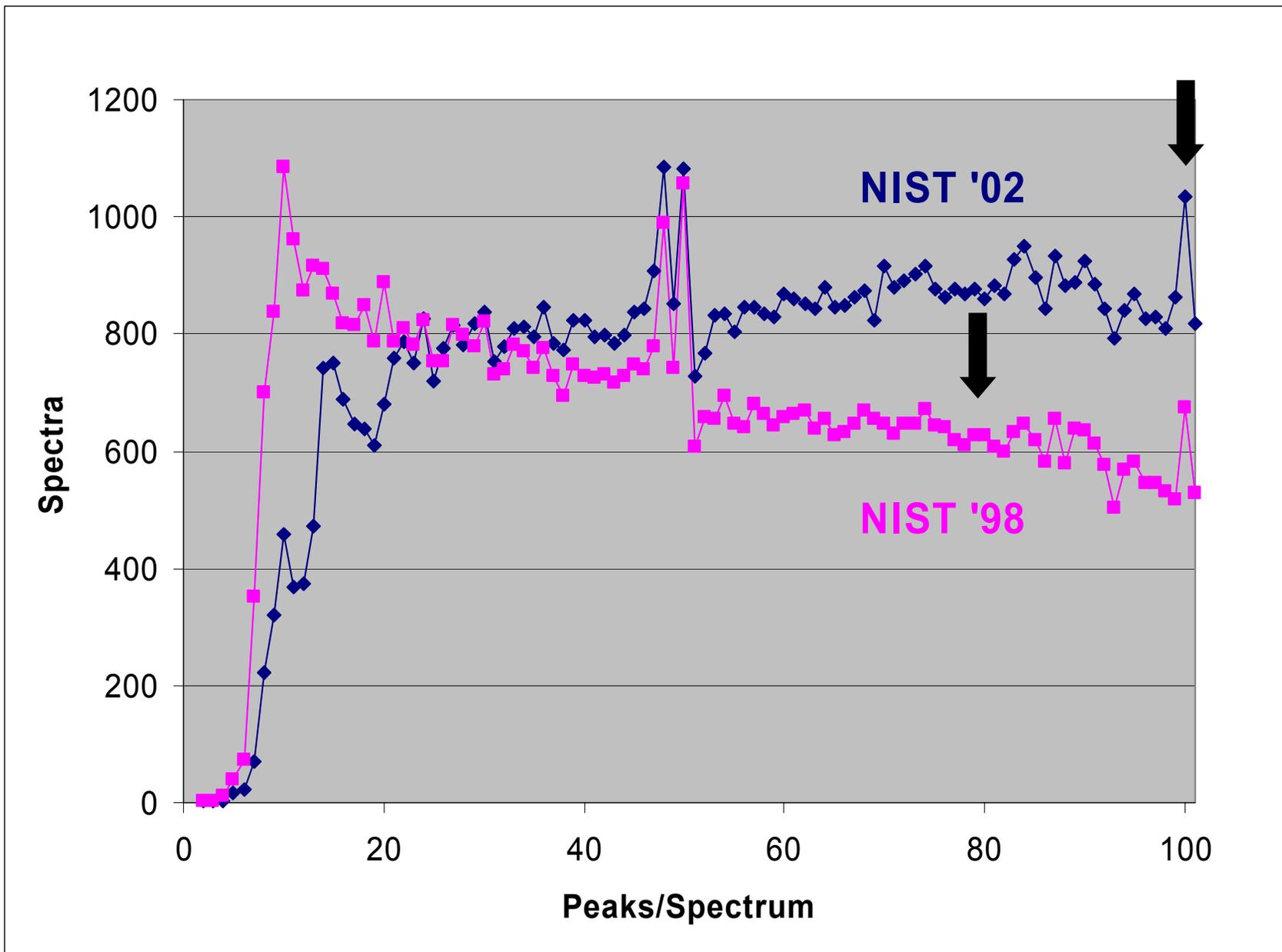
# NIST98 => NIST02

- Mainlib: 107,886 => 147,370 spectra
  - 91,856 spectra from old mainlib
  - 1,331 spectra from old replib
  - 54,183 new spectra
- Replib: 21,250 => 27,844 spectra
  - 14,050 spectra from old replib
  - 7,378 spectra from old mainlib
  - 6,416 new spectra
- Excluded in the new database:
  - 8,652 spectra from old mainlib
  - 5,869 spectra from old replib

# More Statistics

- 129,136 => 175,214 spectra
- 90,311 => 134,949 with CAS number
- 69,061 => 107,105 unique CAS numbers
- 107,829 => 147,350 structures
- 255,234 => 440,764 names
  
- Peaks per Spectrum
  - 79 => 99 median
  - 96 => 111 average
  - 12% => 5% less than 20 peaks/spectrum
  - 2% => 0.5% less than 10 peaks/spectrum





# Quality Control for New Mass Spectra

## Compound information data

- *Formula / Name / Structure / CAS# / MW Consistency*

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## General rules

- *Confirm Molecular ion and important fragment ions*
- *Origin of [M-X] ions and the most intense peaks*
- *Low mass region*
- *Deduce origin of errors*

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## Compare to other spectra

- *Replicates, isomers*
- *Homologous series*
- *Derivatives*
- *Spectra in other collections*

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## Spectrum Selection

- *Completeness*
- *No Spurious Peaks*
- *No Saturation*

# Select Correct CAS Registry Number for MENTHOL

CS: **89781**  
E:232390 (-)-MENTHOL

CS: **490993**  
E:5285 Cyclohexanol, 5-methyl-2-(1-methylethyl)-,  
(1.alpha.,2.beta.,5.beta.)-

CS: **491010**  
E:38796 Cyclohexanol, 5-methyl-2-(1-methylethyl)-,  
(1.alpha.,2.alpha.,5.beta.)-

E:151875 (+)-NEOMENTHOL

CS: **491021**  
E:38506 Cyclohexanol, 5-methyl-2-(1-methylethyl)-,  
(1.alpha.,2.alpha.,5.alpha.)-

E:109300 (+)-NEOISOMENTHOL

CS: **1490046**  
E:221057 2-Isopropyl-5-methylcyclohexanol  
+E:245179 MENTHOL

CS: **2216515**  
E:151883 (-)-MENTHOL

CB: **2216526**  
E:108354 (1S, 2S, 5R)-(+)-NEOMENTHOL

CB: **3623516**  
C:3623516 Cyclohexanol, 5-methyl-2-(1-methylethyl)-,  
(1.alpha.,2.alpha.,5.beta.)-(./-.)-

CB: **3623527**  
C:3623527 Cyclohexanol, 5-methyl-2-(1-methylethyl)-,  
(1.alpha.,2.beta.,5.beta.)-(./-.)-

CB: **3623538**  
C:3623538 Cyclohexanol, 5-methyl-2-(1-methylethyl)-,  
(1.alpha.,2.alpha.,5.alpha.)-(./-.)-

CB: **15356602**  
E:151874 (+)-MENTHOL

CS: **15356704**  
E:290746 DL-Menthol

CB: **20747493**  
C:20747493 Cyclohexanol, 5-methyl-2-(1-methylethyl)-, [1R-  
(1.alpha.,2.alpha.,5.beta.)]-

CB: **20752345**  
C:20752345 Cyclohexanol, 5-methyl-2-(1-methylethyl)-, [1R-  
(1.alpha.,2.alpha.,5.alpha.)]-

CB: **23283978**  
E:108362 (1S,2R,5R)-(+)-ISOMENTHOL  
E:152083 (+)-ISOMENTHOL

## 5 CAS Registry Numbers for COCAINE Structure

CB: **50362**

E:74557 8-Azabicyclo[3.2.1]octane-2-carboxylic acid, 3-(benzoyloxy)-8-methyl-, methyl ester, [1R-(exo,exo)]-

E:113834 Cocaine

E:246803 COCAINE

E:246808 COCAINE

CB: **478739**

E:120196 PSEUDOCOCAINE

E:248638 PSEUDOCOCAINE

CB: **518978**

E:121444 ALLOPSEUDOCOCAINE

CB: **668199**

E:122751 ALLOCOCAINE

CB: **47195073**

C:47195073 8-Azabicyclo[3.2.1]octane-2-carboxylic acid, 3-(benzoyloxy)-8-methyl-, methyl ester, [1S-(exo,exo)]-

CB: -128222

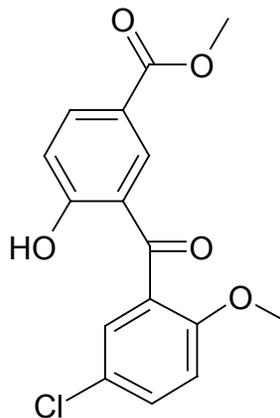
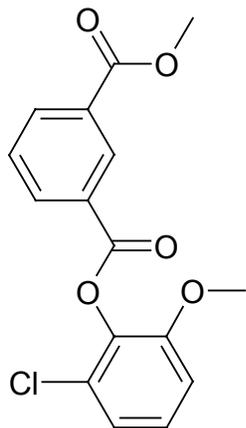
E:128222 DIHYDROTROPINE, 2-METHOXYFORMYL-3-O-BENZOYL-

CB: -248080

E:248080 PSEUDOALLOCOCAINE

## Structure changed to match name

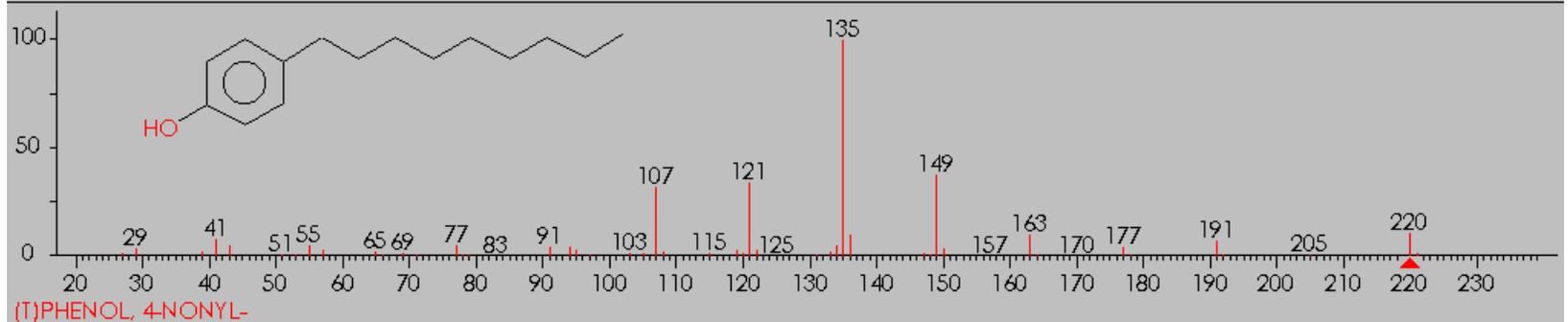
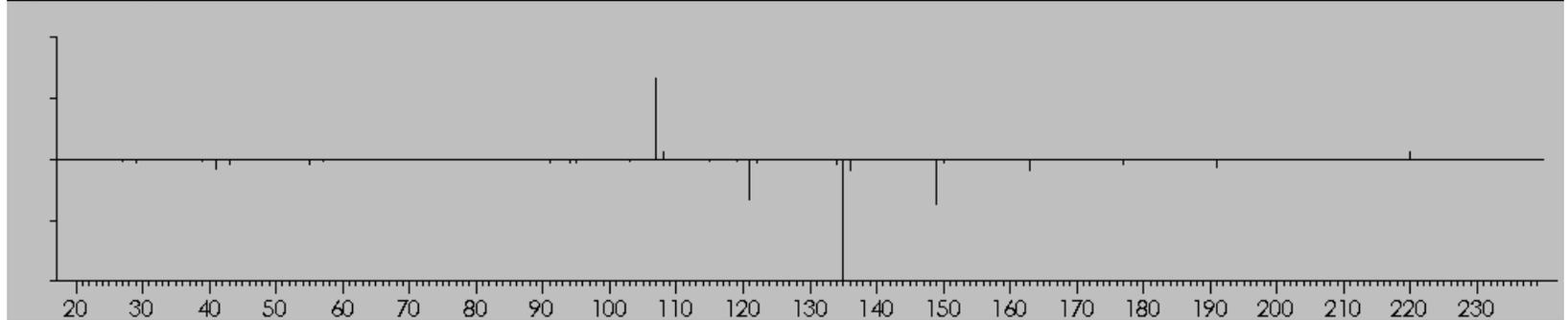
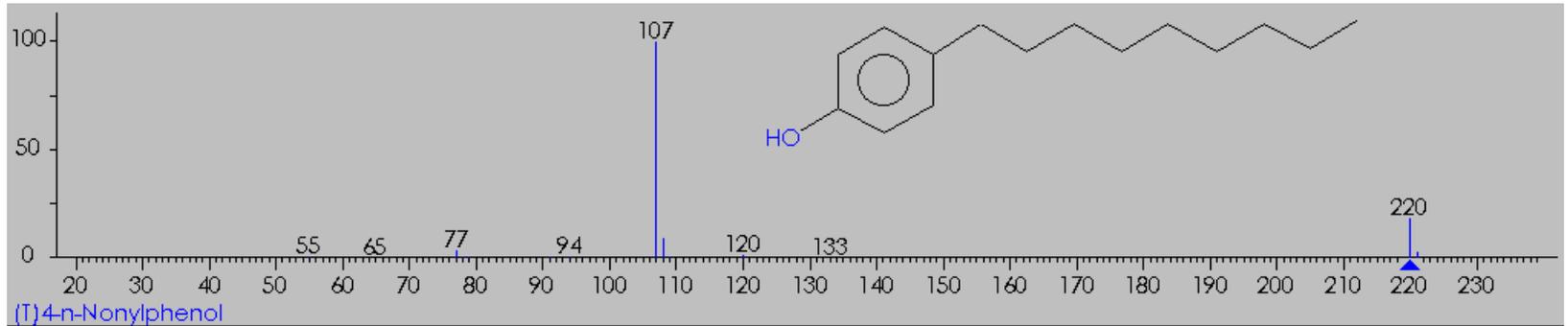
*Benzoic acid, 3-(5-chloro-2-methoxybenzoyl)-4-hydroxy-*

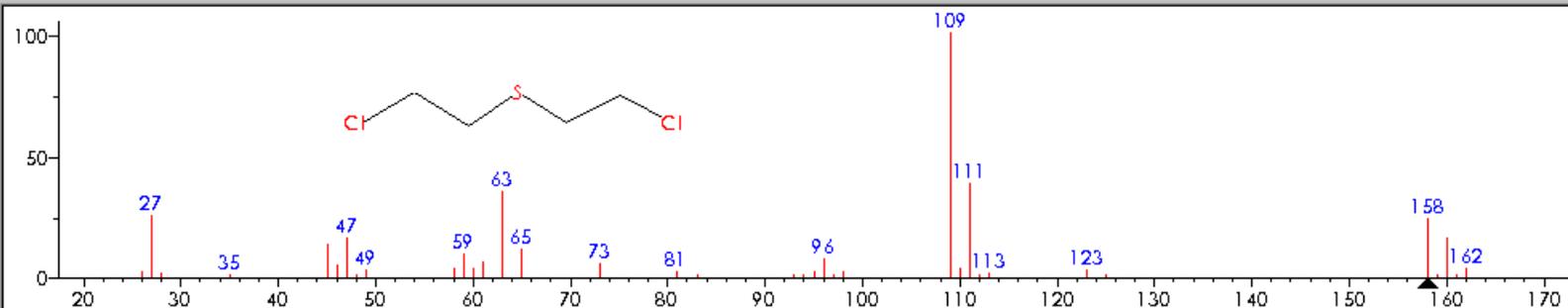


## 19 Spectra for ASPIRIN

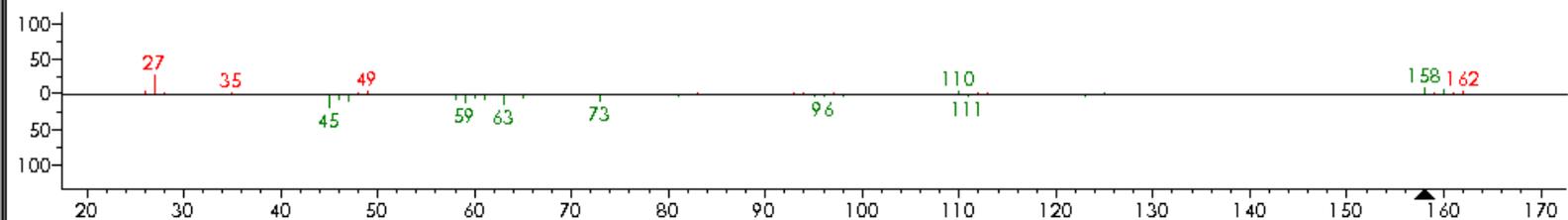
Benzoic acid, 2-(acetyloxy)-	25407	“7”
.Benzoic acid, 2-(acetyloxy)-	23813	“7”
.Benzoic acid, 2-(acetyloxy)-	79540	“7”
.Benzoic acid, 2-(acetyloxy)-	22205	“7”
.Benzoic acid, 2-(acetyloxy)-	157126	“7”
.Acetylsalicylic acid	119370	“7”
.Benzoic acid, 2-(acetyloxy)-	189933	“7”
.Benzoic acid, 2-(acetyloxy)-	126014	“7”
.2-Acetoxybenzoic acid	221215	“Sel”
.o-Acetoxybenzoic acid	227751	“7”
.Acetylsalicylic acid	246070	“7”
.Acetylsalicylic acid	246071	“7”
.Acetylsalicylic acid	246073	“7”
.Acetylsalicylic acid	246079	“8”
.Aspirin	247685	“7”
.Aspirin	250572	“R”
.2- Acetylsalicylic acid	257699	“7”
.2-(Acetyloxy)benzoic acid	287701	“7”
Acetylsalicylic acid	290983	“R”

# Replace Mixture Spectrum with “Pure” Spectrum

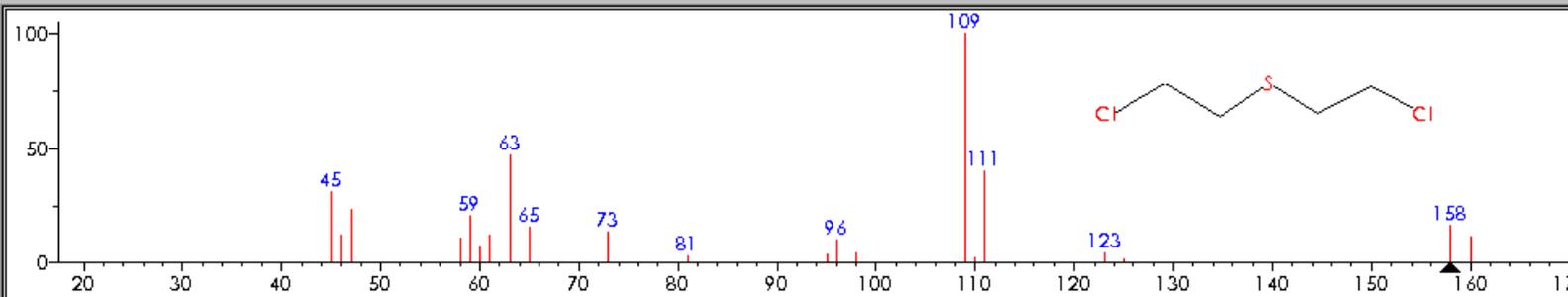




(main) Mustard Gas



Mustard Gas Difference Mustard Gas



Hit 4. (ref) Mustard Gas

# Algorithms: Search and Error Discovery

## Optimization and Testing of Mass Spectral Library Search Algorithms for Compound Identification

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Five algorithms proposed for identifying compounds from their low-resolution test spectra against reference libraries. The algorithms were probabilistic, based on a distance index, Euclidean distance, alternate spectra of about 8 candidates, and were optimized by varying the list of candidate compound masses. The best algorithm (75% accuracy for the angle between spectra) was the Euclidean distance algorithm (64%). Intensity scaling with the square root of the mass weighting power. Seven optimizations were made on the results. A modest improvement was made by adding a term that weights peaks in common

## Chemical Substructure Identification by Mass Spectral Library Searching

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A library-searching algorithm for identifying chemical structures from its electron-ionization mass spectra. The algorithm retrieves library compounds and compares their mass spectra with the test spectrum. The structures of the retrieved compounds are weighted according to their mass spectral similarity to the test spectrum. The "peaks-in-common" algorithm is used to compare the mass spectra of a test compound and a library compound. The algorithm is probabilistic, including "neutral" and "charged" ions. The algorithm is searching the NIST/EPA/NIH Mass Spectral Database with correlations allowed for unknown compounds. The algorithm is an optimization of the algorithm described in Stein et al. (1994). Improvements to the algorithm are described. A relative-difference algorithm is described. *Spectrom 1995, 6,*

## Estimating Probabilities of Correct Identification From Results of Mass Spectral Library Searches

Stephen E. Stein

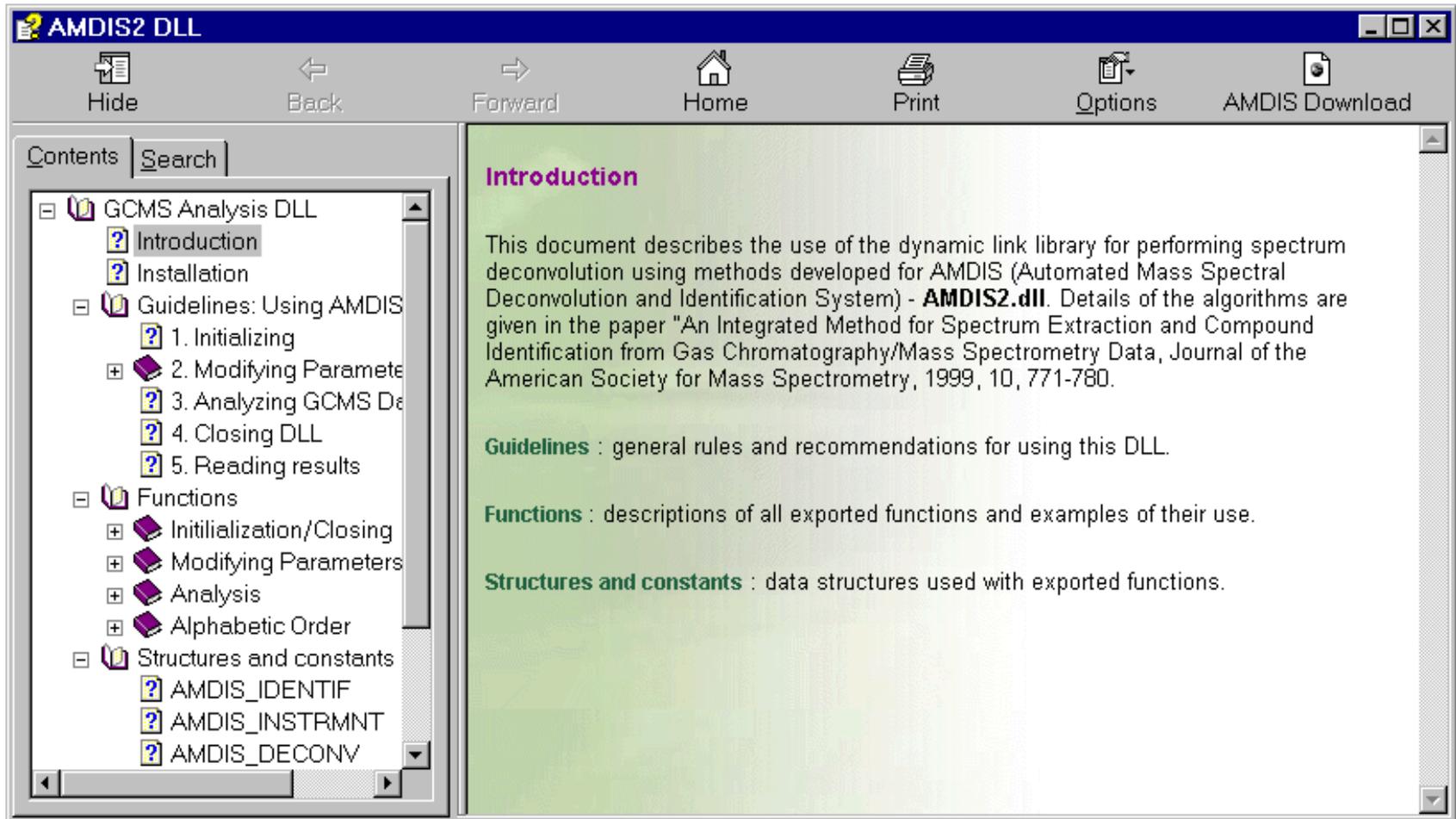
NIST Mass Spectrometry Data Center, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Gaithersburg, Maryland, USA

This work presents a method for using mass spectral match factors reported by library search systems to obtain certain probabilistic indicators of correct identification. The overall probability that a retrieval is correct is formally separated into two independent terms. One of these is the probability that a retrieval is correct assuming that the correct match is contained in the library. This can be computed directly from test results. The other term represents the probability that the spectrum of the unknown compound is actually in the library. While the absolute value of this term cannot be computed, a relative value based solely on search results can be derived. This value may, if desired, be used to refine an initial estimate of the overall probability. Parameters used in this calculation are based on changes in test results caused by the logical removal of the test compounds from the library. These methods were parameterized from results of searching the NIST/EPA/NIH Mass Spectral Database with 12,592 good quality replicate spectra and a simple mass spectral comparison function. The methodology should be equally applicable to other libraries and search systems. (*J Am Soc Mass Spectrom 1994, 5, 316-323*)

# Algorithms/Formats

- Search/Analysis Algorithms
  - Available as DLL
- Data Format
  - Provide needed formats
- Data/Algorithm Integration
  - As needed

# Packaged Algorithms



The screenshot shows a help window titled "AMDIS2 DLL". The window has a navigation bar with icons for Hide, Back, Forward, Home, Print, Options, and AMDIS Download. Below the navigation bar is a "Contents" pane on the left and a main content area on the right. The "Contents" pane shows a tree view with the following items:

- GCMS Analysis DLL
  - Introduction
  - Installation
- Guidelines: Using AMDIS
  - 1. Initializing
  - 2. Modifying Parameters
  - 3. Analyzing GCMS Data
  - 4. Closing DLL
  - 5. Reading results
- Functions
  - Initialization/Closing
  - Modifying Parameters
  - Analysis
  - Alphabetic Order
- Structures and constants
  - AMDIS\_IDENTIF
  - AMDIS\_INSTRMNT
  - AMDIS\_DECONV

The main content area displays the "Introduction" page. The title "Introduction" is in purple. The text reads:

This document describes the use of the dynamic link library for performing spectrum deconvolution using methods developed for AMDIS (Automated Mass Spectral Deconvolution and Identification System) - **AMDIS2.dll**. Details of the algorithms are given in the paper "An Integrated Method for Spectrum Extraction and Compound Identification from Gas Chromatography/Mass Spectrometry Data, Journal of the American Society for Mass Spectrometry, 1999, 10, 771-780.

**Guidelines** : general rules and recommendations for using this DLL.

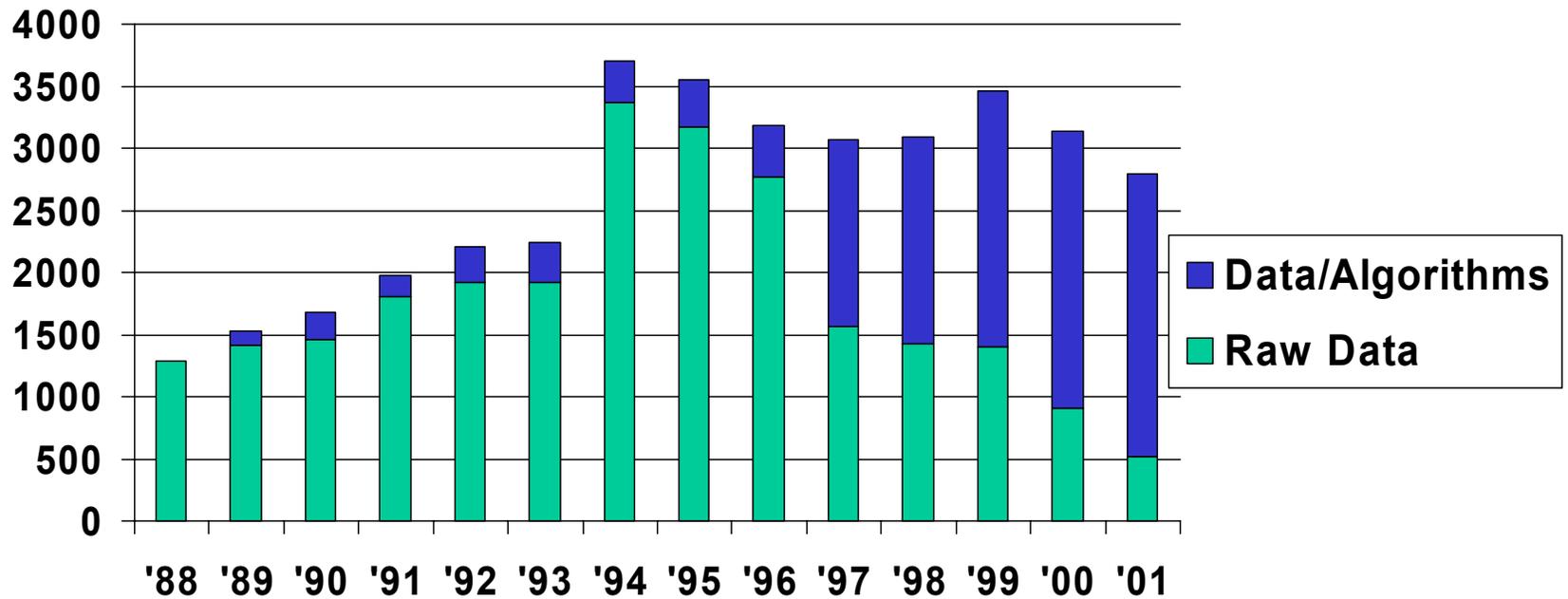
**Functions** : descriptions of all exported functions and examples of their use.

**Structures and constants** : data structures used with exported functions.

# Distributors

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- Data (3)  
ERM, JAICI, Wiley

## Libraries Distributed



Field Agent:

Dave Sparkman

# NIST Search Program V.2

NIST MS Search 2.0 - [Ident, Presearch Default - InLib = 541, 100 spectra]

File Search View Tools Window Help

1. (2R)-(-)-Glycidyl tosylate

#	Src.	Name
1	M	(2R)-(-)-Glycidyl tosylate
2	te	Cyclohexyl isopropylphosphonofluoridate
3	te	Cyclohexyl isopropylphosphonofluoridate
4	te	ION TRAP cyclohexyl isopropylphosphonofluoridate
5	L	Component at scan 563 (11.075 min) [Model = +123u]
6	L	Component at scan 563 (11.075 min) [Model = +123u]
7	L	Component at scan 270 (1.981 min) [Model = +73u]
8	L	Component at scan 289 (1.977 min) [Model = +83u]
9	L	Phosphonic acid, 4-methylphenyl-, diethyl ester

Names / Structures / Spec List

mainlib: 107886 total spectra

(mainlib) (2R)-(-)-Glycidyl tosylate

Plot/Text of Search Spectrum / Plot of Search Spectrum / Plot/Text of Spec List

Name:		(2R)-(-)-Glycidyl tosylate	
Formula:		C <sub>10</sub> H <sub>12</sub> O <sub>4</sub> S	
MW:		228	
CAS#:		N/A	
NIST#:		117965	
Other DBs:		None	
Contributor:		Chuck Anderson, Aldic	
m/z Values and Intensities:			
14	8	15	58
18	1	18	1
28	35	29	122
30	10	30	10
36	9	38	18
39	154	39	154
42	18	43	53
44	11	44	11
50	24	51	43
52	14	52	14
56	34	57	24
62	17	62	17
65	246	66	14
67	2	67	2
75	1	77	43
78	13	78	13

Plot/Text of Hit / Plot of Hit

#	Lib.	Match	R.Match	Prob.	Name
1	M	999	999	81.9	(2R)-(-)-Glycidyl tosy
2	M	943	943	15.4	(2S)-Glycidyl tosylate
3	M	781	797	0.37	Toluene-4-sulfonic aci
4	M	774	793	0.28	2-(Toluene-4-sulfonyl
5	M	768	848	0.22	4-Toluenesulfonylme
6	M	767	796	0.21	Ethanol, 2-chloro-, 4-
7	M	765	766	0.20	3-Methyl-2-(toluene-
8	M	760	762	0.16	Benzenesulfonic aci
9	M	747	749	0.10	p-Toluenesulfonic ac
10	M	745	760	0.09	Toluene-4-sulfonic a
11	M	738	771	0.07	Benzene, 1-(dichlor
12	M	737	805	0.07	1-Benzenesulfonic
13	M	736	818	0.06	Toluene-4-sulfonic a
14	M	736	736	0.06	1-Deoxy-2,4-methyle
15	M	732	787	0.05	Acetic acid, (4-methyl

Names / Structures / InLib = 541, Hit List

Lib. Search / Other Search / Names / Compare / Librarian

Difference / Head to Tail / Side by Side / Subtraction / 781 797R 0.37P

(2R)-(-)-Glycidyl tosylate / Toluene-4-sulfonic acid, 2-benzyloxy-3-hydroxy-

(mainlib) Toluene-4-sulfonic acid, 2-benzyloxy-3-hydroxy-1-

Name:		Toluene-4-sulfonic acid, 2-b	
Formula:		C <sub>18</sub> H <sub>22</sub> O <sub>6</sub> S	
MW:		366	
CAS#:		118653-93-3	
NIST#:		1	
Other DBs:		None	
Contributor:		Chemical Concepts	
m/z Values and Intensities:			
26	4	27	21
29	29	29	29
36	2	38	8
39	77	39	77
42	9	43	18
44	3	44	3
48	1	50	19
51	45	51	45
55	10	56	1
57	10	57	10
61	3	62	9
63	40	63	40
66	8	67	1
68	4	68	4
71	4	73	7
74	4	74	4

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# New Software Policy

- No plans for further GUI development
  - Freeze Version 2.01 (NIST '02 release)
  - Will 'keep it running'
  - Distribute freely
- Provide source to distributors
  - Limited support
  - Cooperative R&D Agreements possible

- Will Continue
  - AMDIS
  - Algorithms (DLL)
  - Data formats
  - Assistance in Integration

# Pricing/License Issues

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Standard Reference Data  
Program

# NEW PRICING STRUCTURE FOR NIST02

