

An in-silico coverage evaluation of RPLC-MS chemical space via two different retention indices scales

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- There are > 10⁶⁰ possible structures with Mw < 500 Da.
- The physiochemical property range is too wide.
- Technologically we cannot cover this space.

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- There are more than 800k known chemicals that are actively released into the environment.
- The transformation products are ignored.
- All natural chemicals were excluded.
- We have methods for less than 1%.

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- We built two models,
- We validated those models with a set of true positives and negatives,
- We applied the two models to the SusDat as a filtering strategy.





Two detention indices prediction models were developed, one based on amide scale and the second one based on the UoA scale.



We used the applicability domain as a first step towards filtering the chemicals that may not fit into our C18 column space.



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Under the optimal conditions our model showed to have an accuracy of 92.4%.





Roughly around 50% of chemicals in SusDat do not fit into the C18 column space. Other chromatographic methods are needed to cover the missing space.



- Two RI prediction models were developed.
- The combination of applicability domain and the model errors were used for the extrapolation assessment.
- Our models when combined together accurately (92.4%) predicted the usability of C18 for the analysis.
- When applied to SusDat around 50% of the chemicals did not fit the C18 chemical space.
- This approach can be used for a-priori filtration of the chemical databases.
- This would increase the speed of queries and their relevance.
- Highly indicative of the need for additional chromatographic approaches.
- The ionization efficiency may be an additional filtering tool.



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Thank you!

Code (public - FAIR)







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Models with reduced number of variables



However, using 1170 variables is computationally expensive, what if we use fewer descriptors?

Most important descriptors were found based on average variance reduction

New models were created with a small number of (the most important) descriptors

| | n-alkylamide | UoA |
|----------------|--------------|------|
| R ² | 0.73 | 0.77 |

We have two models able to predict accurately and fast the retention indices!

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Model hyperparameters optimization



Descriptors acquisition

Training datasets

- n-alkylamide: 1488 compounds and their experimental r_i
- UoA: 1816 compounds and their experimental r_i

Dataset used for application

SusDat NORMAN: 95115 compounds

PaDEL was used to calculate the descriptors of these datasets

But can we use all 2756 descriptors provided by PaDEL?