### How We Handle Mass Spectra

NIST Mass Spectrometry Data Center



#### **NIST/EPA/NIH Mass Spectral Library**

**Numbers of Spectra** 



#### **Libraries Distributed/Year**



### The Data



m/z

### **Connection Table**



### From Structure to Spectrum: A Mass "Fragmentogram"



### **Molecular Fingerprints**



# I will discuss

- Library Searching
  - Full and Partial Spectra
- Spectrum Purification
- Chemical Structure Representation
- Peptide Spectra Libraries

#### Instrument 'Noise Signature'

250 Hexachlorobenzene Spectra same instrument, calibration mix



#### Instrument Effects



### Library Search



(M)Dibutyl 3-hydroxybutyl phosphate

# Spectral Similarity



- M = f(Abundance) Peak in Measured Spectrum
- R = f(Abundance) Peak in Reference Spectrum
- Sum over all peaks
- *f*(Abundance)
  - Abundance
  - Abundance \* m/z
  - Certainty

#### Algorithm Performance

12,592 Replicate Spectra against NIST Library

Model

#### **Percent Correct**

	Top Hit	Top 2 Hits	Top 3 Hits
<b>Correlation – Weighted</b>	74.9	86.9	91.7
Correlation	72.9	85.9	90.8
Euclidean Distance	71.9	83.9	88.9
Absolute Distance	67.9	80.3	85.5
PBM - Published	64.7	78.4	84.8
Hites/Hertz/Biemann	64.4	77.2	83.2

#### FP/FP Above Given Match Factor for NIST Library Spectra





#### FP Depends on Spectrum Uniqueness



# Multiple Ion Monitoring

- What is is?
  - Use 2-5 Major Peaks in Spectrum of Target
    - 10 100 more sensitive
- What's the problem?
  - Can match major Target peaks with Minor Sample Peaks
- What we have done:
  - Examine risk using library as source of potential false positive IDs

#### False Positive Risk vs Number of Peaks Used





# FP Observed and Computed (from individual peak probabilities)



#### Search Results Depend on Search Spectrum Quality



AMDIS: http://chemdata.nist.gov



# Chromatogram with single ion



### AMDIS Analysis of Data



# Order of Analysis

- Noise Analysis find 'Noise Factor'
- Find and quantify maximizing ions
- Combine to create 'Model Peak'
- Use Model Peak shape (intensity vs time) to purify spectra
- Find best matching library spectrum





Noise = 
$$K_{noise} \sqrt{Intensity}$$

#### Finding Possible Peaks for Each m/z



### Find Possible Compounds: Do Ions Maximize at Same Time?



### Separate the Components



### A 'Model Peak' Provides Shape



The model shape is defined as the sum of all of the ion chromatograms that maximize within the range and have a sharpness value within 75% of the maximum.

#### AMDIS Testing – Closely Eluting Components



# **Representing Chemical Identity**

- Visual: 2D Structure
- Text: IUPAC Name
- Digital: No Accepted, Open Method
- Solution:

The IUPAC/NIST Chemical Identifier

### **Connection Table**



# **Chemical Identity Problems**



Registry Number possible for each exact form, mixture, unknown, unspecified

Experts required

Expensive, ambiguous and error prone

### Requirements

- Different compounds have different identifiers
  - Keep all distinguishing structural information



### Requirements

• One compound has only one identifier – Omit unnecessary information



#### 3 Steps to INChI

- Chemistry
  - 'Normalize' Input Structure
    - Implement chemical rules
- Math
  - 'Canonicalize' (label the atoms)
    - Equivalent atoms get the same label
- Format
  - 'Serialize' Labeled Structure
    - Output as character string ('name')



#### **Chemical Substances**



# Nitrobenzene



Description	Layers
formula	C6H5NO2
connectivity	8-7(9)6-4-2-1-3-5-6
H-atoms	1-5H
charges	



# MSG



C5H9NO4.Na/c6-3(5(9)10)1-2-4(7)8;/h1-2H2,3H,6H2,(H,7,8)(H,9,10);/q;+1/p-1/t3-;/m1./s1



### Peptide Mass Spectra: Libraries for Organisms

- Proteins are linear sequences of amino acids
  - characteristic of Genome (organism)
- Peptides are 'digested' fragments of proteins
- MS 'sequences' peptides to reveal source Protein
- Peptides fragmentation spectra are not quite predictable
- Peptide fragmentation spectra for a 'genome' can be contained in one Library.

#### **Spectrum Prediction Programs**



#### Peptide Spectra Reference Library (multiple measurements each of 10,000 peptides)



