



# Automated Analysis of Environmental and Water Samples for Total Metals and Elemental Species

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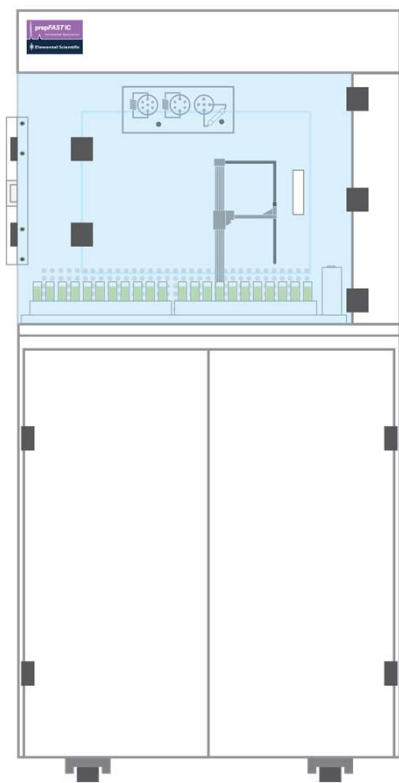
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# Goals

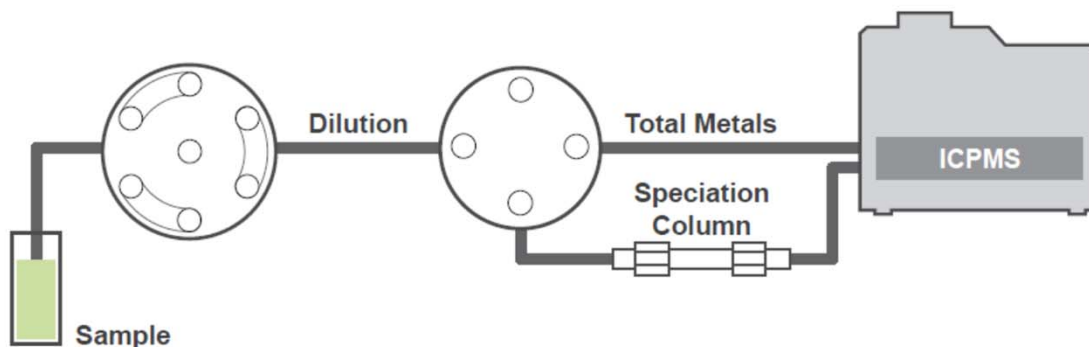
- Develop software that automates the elemental speciation of samples that exceed a set threshold during the total metals analysis.
- Utilize the ability of the prepFAST IC to operate in total metals (adopted 6020B EPA method) and speciation mode (chromium speciation) in combination with an ICPMS.
- Analyze samples from around the Omaha, NE, USA area for total metals and Cr speciation.



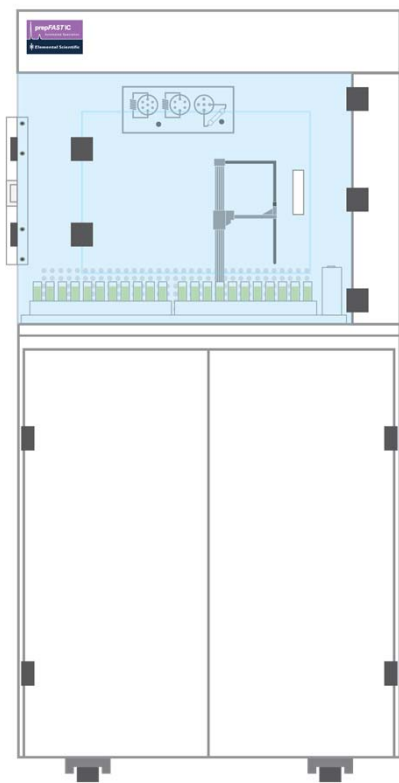
# prepFAST IC



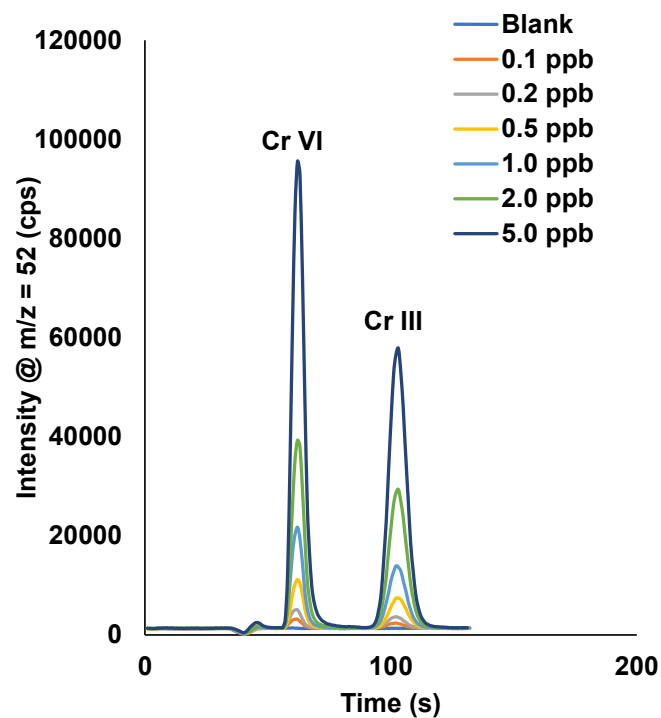
- Completely metal-free liquid and sample flow path from pump to nebulizer
- Inline autodilution and autocalibration functions
- Ability to operate in total metals or chromatography mode with a single instrument
- Syringe-driven, post-column standard addition, dilution, or derivatization
- Compatible with acids and organic solvents
- Micro-volume sampling ( $\geq 50 \mu\text{L}$ )
- Xceleri - full online control and data analysis software package



# prepFAST IC - Metal Free



- Completely metal-free liquid and sample flow path from pump to nebulizer



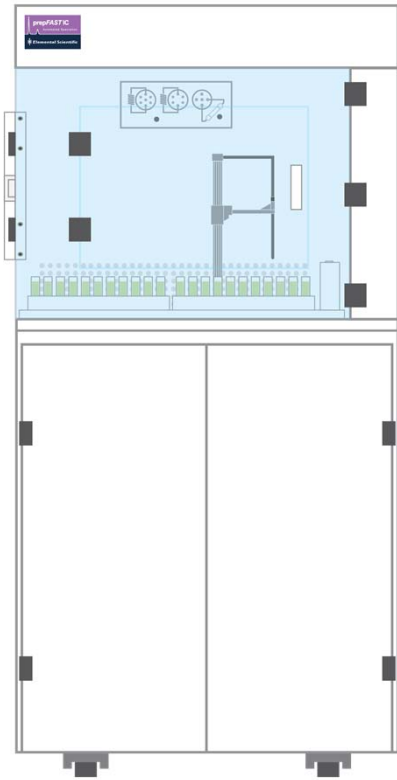
Improved LODs for Cr VI

- No metal components in prepFAST IC
- More suitable eluents for ICP plasma

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prepFAST IC + ICPMS	0.007 µg/L	0.023 µg/L

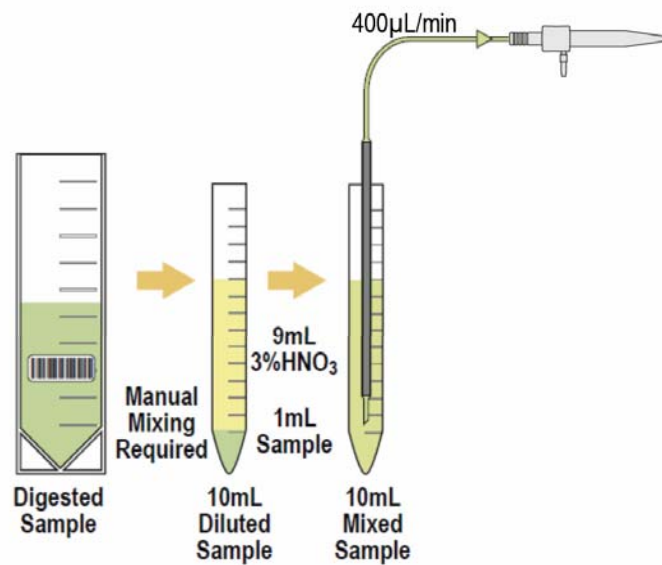


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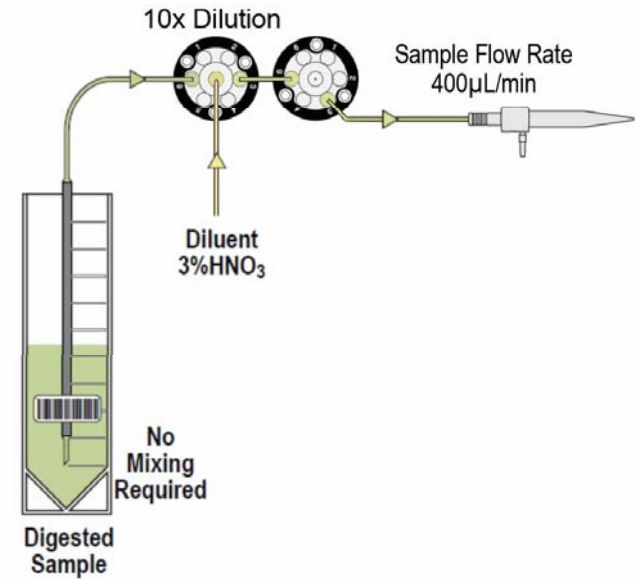


- Inline autodilution and autocalibration functions

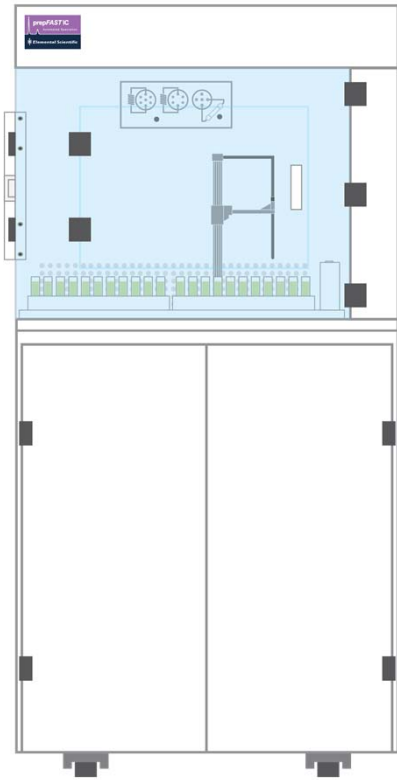
## Manual Dilution 3% HNO<sub>3</sub>



## In-valve Autodilution 3% HNO<sub>3</sub>



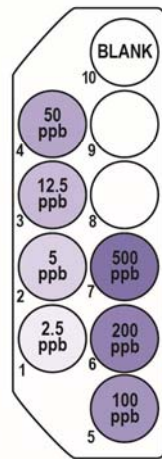
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- Inline autodilution and autocalibration functions

## Conventional Calibration (seven points)

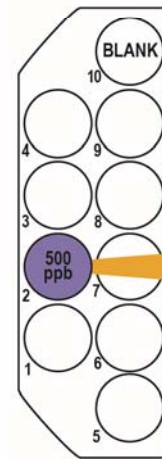
Offline Prep: 1 Blank + 7 Standards



STD Position	Concentration
10	0
1	2.5
2	5
3	12.5
4	50
5	100
6	200
7	500

## prepFAST Autocalibration (seven points)

Inline Prep: 1 Blank + 1 Standard



STD Position	Inline Dilution Factor	Dilution Rate			Concentration
		Std	Diluent	Total	
10	200x	50	9950	10000	0
2	200x	50	9950	10000	2.5
2	100x	100	9900	10000	5
2	40x	250	9750	10000	12.5
2	10x	1000	9000	10000	50
2	5x	2000	8000	10000	100
2	2.5x	4000	6000	10000	200
2	1x	10000	0	10000	500

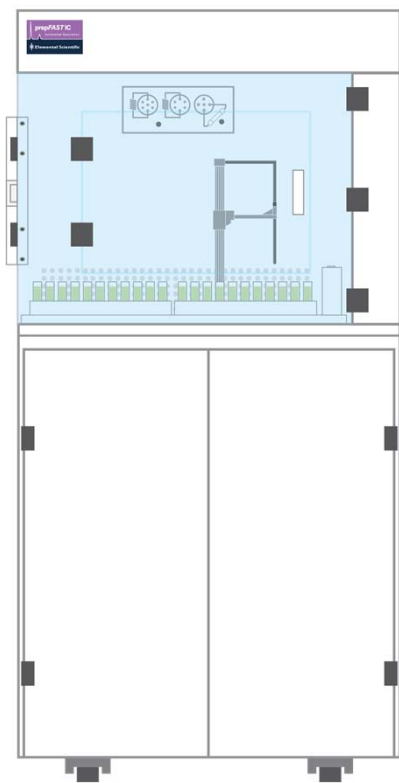
prepFAST Calibration: Blank can be analyzed diluted or undiluted.



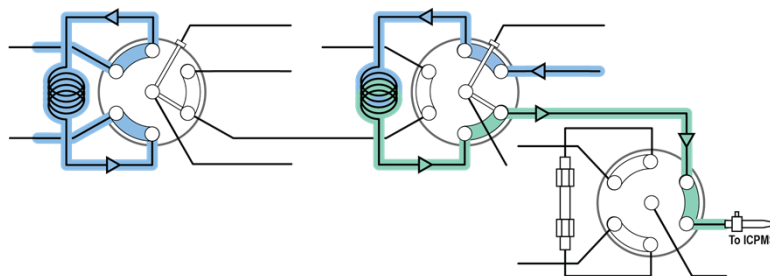


# prepFAST IC - Total Metals or Speciation Mode

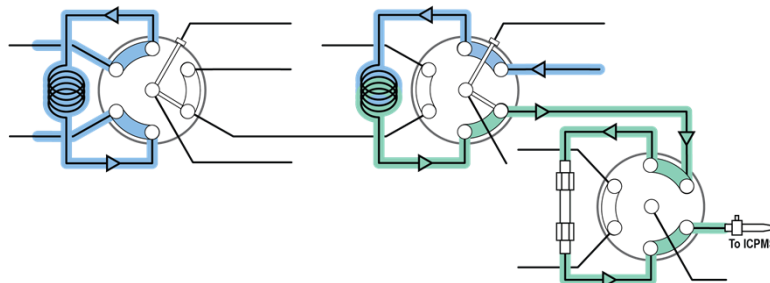
- Ability to operate in total metals or chromatography mode with a single instrument



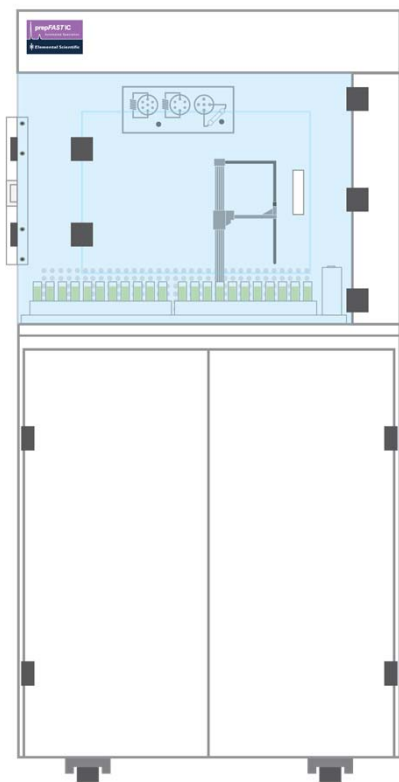
**Total Metals Mode**



**Speciation Mode**



# prepFAST IC - Xceleri Software



- Xceleri - full online control and data analysis software package

## Xceleri

- Instrument control software, triggers ICPMS, retrieves and processes data
- Automated data processing for total metals and speciation (transient data)
- Multiple options available for over-range samples
  - Re-analyze sample for confirmation
  - Intelligent dilution - analyze at dilution factor that will fall within calibration curve
  - Run speciation on sample
- Easy export of data via .csv or .xlsx

## Xceleri Offline


- Offline version for data processing
- Load data files from ICPMS and software automates the data processing
- Automated peak finding, peak integration, and data reporting





# prepFAST IC - Published Work Example

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### A fully automated total metals and chromium speciation single platform introduction system for ICP-MS†

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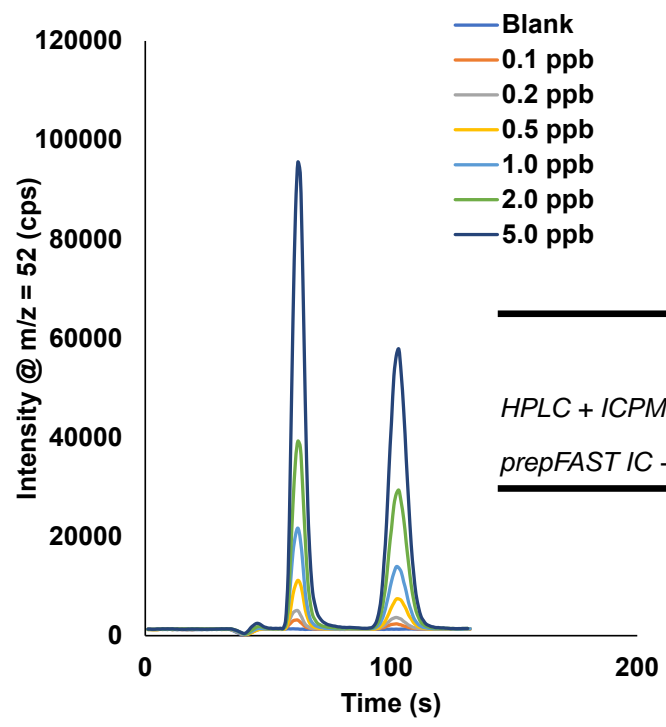
Measuring chromium species in drinking water has become of particular interest due to daily environmental contamination that is caused by industrial processes. Agencies such as the US Environmental Protection Agency and the European Union continue to investigate the maximum to which Cr(vi) contaminant levels should be set; thus laboratories must seek more efficient ways of performing routine analyses. In this work a single platform, automated speciation and total metals method is presented for chromium speciation in drinking water, waste water, industrial waters, and recipient waters, and for total metals in sludges, soils, organic waste, ashes, biological samples, or paint. Samples were measured using a prepFAST IC system for Cr(III) and Cr(VI) and the results were compared to the HPLC results. In addition, samples from the aqua regia total method were compared to those of the total metals method performed using the prepFAST IC. Sample comparisons resulted in linear regression plots with very good correlations, greater than 0.97 for total metals over a dynamic range of 0.010–100 000 µg L<sup>-1</sup> for 63 elements and greater than 0.98 for Cr(VI) speciation. The limits of detection for Cr(VI) and Cr(III) using the prepFAST IC and ICP-MS combination are 7 ng L<sup>-1</sup> and 12 ng L<sup>-1</sup>, respectively. The new method resulted in an ~43× improvement in detection limits as compared to the previous method employed in our laboratory. The accurate results for quality control samples of Cr(VI) were in good agreement with the historical values collected using the old method.

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#### 1. Introduction

Due to the recommendations and guidance of the European Union (EU) and the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the importance of chromium testing of soil, drinking water, and waste water has grown substantially in recent years.<sup>1,2</sup> The increase of information regarding the effects of chromium on humans has shed light on the fact that chromium has different biochemical behaviors which affect the human body in very different ways.<sup>3</sup> Chromium(III) is considered an essential element, found in vegetables, fruits, meats, and/or nutritional supplements, and has been linked to Cr(III) to Cr(VI). For example, Lindsay *et al.* showed that during chlorination of drinking water, which is a popular disinfection process in water treatment facilities, any present Cr(III) in the water can be oxidized to Cr(VI).<sup>4</sup> Therefore, laboratory testing should include the identification of the chromium species (Cr(III) and Cr(VI)) and not just the total chromium value to assess the overall exposure impact.

The most common way to measure elemental species is by liquid chromatography-inductively coupled plasma-mass spectrometry (LC-ICP-MS). Many reports exist in the literature on how to measure Cr(III) and Cr(VI) using LC-ICP-MS.<sup>1–5,10–28</sup> However, most of these reports measure chromium using HPLC



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# prepFAST IC - Published Work Example

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Automated ICP-MS method to measure bromine, chlorine, and iodine species and total metals content in drinking water

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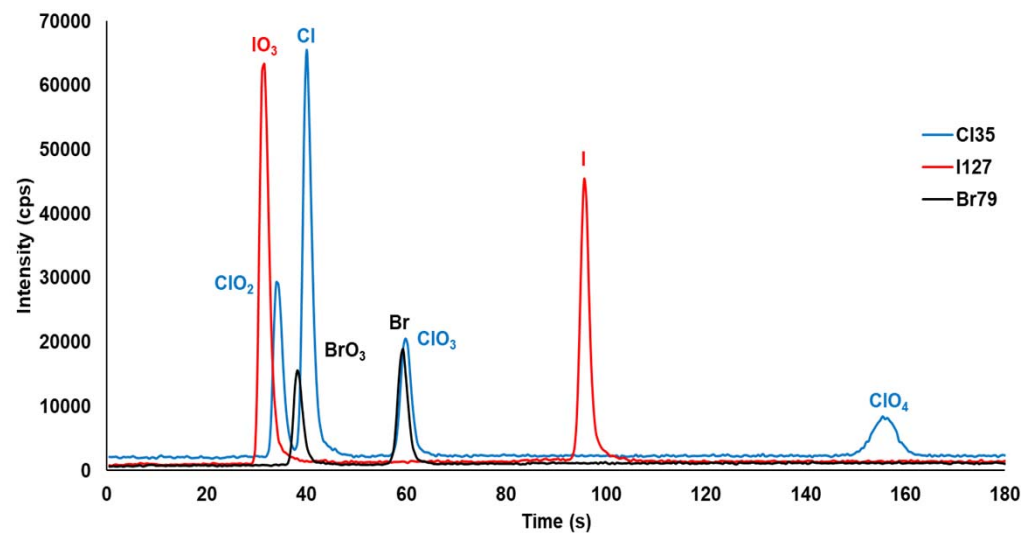
The disinfection of drinking water is an important aspect to human health. However, this process leads to potentially harmful disinfection by-products that should be monitored prior to drinking water reaching homes and businesses. Agencies such as the World Health Organization and United States Environmental Protection Agency set recommended levels for disinfection by-products and trace elements to keep the consumer healthy. In this work a single platform, automated total metals (adapted EPA 6020B method) and halogen speciation method is presented for water analysis that can help laboratories become more efficient while providing new capabilities. Samples from around the Atlanta, GA, USA region were collected and analyzed to investigate the effects of the local counties' water before and after the water treatment processes. The detection limits for this method were found to be 29 ng L<sup>-1</sup> bromide, 31 ng L<sup>-1</sup> bromate, 5.5 ng L<sup>-1</sup> iodide, 1.8 ng L<sup>-1</sup> iodate, 0.7 µg L<sup>-1</sup> chlorite, 2.6 µg L<sup>-1</sup> chlorite, 6.8 µg L<sup>-1</sup> chlorate, and 9.5 µg L<sup>-1</sup> perchlorate. This halogen speciation method is completed in under 3 min per sample and can be automated into a single analytical run with trace elemental analysis when combined with an ICP-MS.

**1. Introduction**

The wide-spread provision of safe drinking water has been a significant piece of public health. While the earliest water treatment systems focused only on taste and aesthetics, increased knowledge and understanding of how water-borne diseases spread led to more sophisticated microbial disinfection processes. The most common disinfection techniques for drinking water involve chlorination, ozonation, and/or filtration [1–4]. In the 1970's, the disadvantage in using chemical disinfection agents was realized, and the public became aware of the formation of disinfection by-products (DBPs) [2]. The first known DBP, chloroform, was linked to cancer by the National Cancer Institute in 1976 [2]. Currently, > 700 DBPs have been identified but only a small quantity are regulated around the world [3]. These DBPs have been

EPA) and 25 µg L<sup>-1</sup> (World Health Organization, WHO) [9–14]. Iodide is another element that is naturally occurring in water that can form potentially harmful DBPs, these iodine containing DBPs have been recently identified as emerging contaminants of concern [1,15,16]. The process of chlorination involves the addition of chlorine bleach (sodium hypochlorite), which can create Cl-based DBPs such as chlorite, chlorate, and perchlorate. The US EPA has set the MCL as 1.0 mg L<sup>-1</sup> chlorite and is seeking public input on the proposed MCL of 56 µg L<sup>-1</sup> perchlorate [3, 9], whereas the WHO has set provisional guideline values of 0.7 mg L<sup>-1</sup> for chlorite and chlorate [14].

In addition to the halogenated DBPs there is also great concern for monitoring the inorganic chemical contaminants that may be present in drinking water. The US EPA has set MCLs for antimony (0.006 mg L<sup>-1</sup>), arsenic (0.010 mg L<sup>-1</sup>), barium (2 mg L<sup>-1</sup>), beryllium (0.004 mg L<sup>-1</sup>),



# Xceleri - Building Total Metals Method

The screenshot displays the Xceleri software interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with 'Home', 'Settings', and 'Username: Operator / Admin'. Below this is a toolbar with icons for 'Stop', 'Start', 'Status', 'Devices', 'FAST', 'Calibration', 'Sequences', 'Rules', 'Report', and 'Charts'. The main window title is 'Data Analysis' and it shows two active tabs: 'Direct Analysis - Short list - 4/15/2021 1:59:04 PM' and 'Direct Analysis - 4/15/2021 8:49:01 AM'. Below the tabs are 'Save Data Analysis' and 'Save As...' buttons, and a 'Refresh Data Analysis' button on the right.

The main content area is titled 'Calibrations' and has two sub-tabs: 'Elements' and 'Standards'. Under 'Elements', there is an 'Import Report File' button. The 'Analysis Style' is set to 'Direct' (selected) with 'Chromatography' as an option. The 'Element Measure Type' is set to 'Mass' (selected) with 'Wavelength' as an option. A 'Custom Configuration' section is visible.

The central part of the interface features a periodic table of elements. Elements are color-coded: red for transition metals (e.g., Fe, Cu, Zn), green for metalloids and some non-metals (e.g., Si, P, S, As, Se, Te, Bi, Pb), and yellow for alkali and alkaline earth metals (e.g., Li, Be, Na, Mg, K, Ca, Rb, Sr, Cs, Ba). The lanthanides and actinides are listed below the main table.

On the right side, there is an 'Analyte Grouping' section with a large empty box for defining groups.



# Xceleri - Building Total Metals Method

The screenshot displays the Xceleri software interface for building a Total Metals Method. The main window shows a sequence of events and actions for a method named 'Direct Analysis\_1ml Loop'. The interface includes a top navigation bar with icons for Stop, Start, Status, Devices, FAST, Calibration, Sequences, Rules, Report, and Charts. Below this is a control panel with buttons for Stop, Start, Status, Devices, FAST, Calibration, Sequences, Rules, Report, and Charts. The main area is divided into two columns: 'Events' and 'Actions'. The 'Events' column lists various triggers such as 'On Probe Down', 'On SubMethods: Direct Analysis - Prepare Completed', 'Timer Uptake Delay at 46 s', 'Timer Z at 3 s', 'On SubMethods: Direct Analysis - Prepare Completed', 'On SubMethods: Direct Analysis - Load Sample Completed', 'On S500V Dilution Completed', 'Timer Delay at 5 s', 'Timer Delay at 10 s', 'Chromatogram Report Monitor: Fails', 'Chromatogram Report Monitor: Succeeds', 'Timer Wash timer 1 at 90 s', and 'Timer Wash Timer 2 at 90 s'. The 'Actions' column lists corresponding actions such as 'Start Method: Direct Analysis - Prepare', 'Start Timer Uptake Delay', 'Trigger Y On', 'Start Timer Z', 'Trigger Y Off', 'Chromatogram Report Monitor', 'Start Method: Direct Analysis - Load Sample', 'Dilute S500V: Sample=10000µL/min, IS=2000µL/min, Flush #2 at 1000µL/min for 1 [s]', 'FAST Valve 1 Inject', 'Start Timer Delay', 'Start Method: S500V Refill', 'Probe Up', 'Start Method: Reset S7\_Direct', 'Start Timer Wash timer 1', 'Start Method: Reset S7\_Direct', 'Start Timer Wash Timer 2', 'Method Complete', and 'Method Complete'. On the right side, there is a 'Host Active' indicator and a 'Events / Actions' panel with expandable sections for 'General', 'Host', 'Autosampler', 'Syringe', and 'FAST'. A 'Description' box at the bottom right states: 'A description of the Event or Action that the user has selected.'

Events	Actions
On Probe Down	Start Method: Direct Analysis - Prepare
On SubMethods: Direct Analysis - Prepare Completed	Start Timer Uptake Delay
Timer Uptake Delay at 46 s	Trigger Y On
	Start Timer Z
Timer Z at 3 s	Trigger Y Off
	Chromatogram Report Monitor
On SubMethods: Direct Analysis - Prepare Completed	Start Method: Direct Analysis - Load Sample
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On S500V Dilution Completed	FAST Valve 1 Inject
	Start Timer Delay
Timer Delay at 5 s	Start Method: S500V Refill
Timer Delay at 10 s	Probe Up
Chromatogram Report Monitor: Fails	Start Method: Reset S7_Direct
	Start Timer Wash timer 1
Chromatogram Report Monitor: Succeeds	Start Method: Reset S7_Direct
	Start Timer Wash Timer 2
Timer Wash timer 1 at 90 s	Method Complete
Timer Wash Timer 2 at 90 s	Method Complete



# Xceleri - Building Total Metals Calibration

Calibrations
⌵ ⌵

### Standards Panel

Add Standard
Remove Standard

Internal Standards

107Ag (No Gas) ⌵

111Cd (Helium Gas)

121Sb (Helium Gas)

137Ba (Helium Gas) ⌵

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115In (Helium Gas) ⌵

115In (No Gas)

209Bi (No Gas)

45Sc (Helium Gas)

72Ge (Helium Gas) ⌵

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### Multi Row Configuration

Line Fit: ⌵

Forcing: None ⌵

Unit:  

Apply

Standards: ⌵

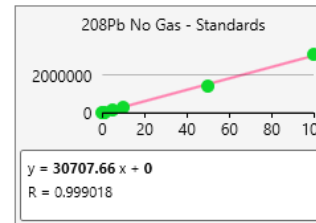
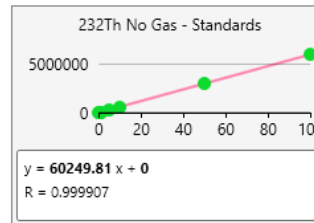
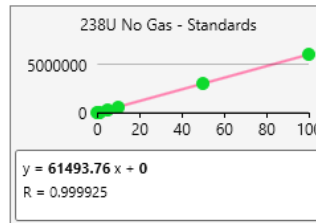
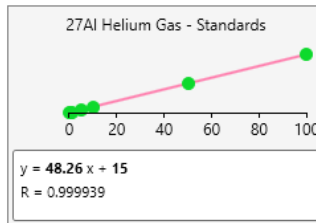
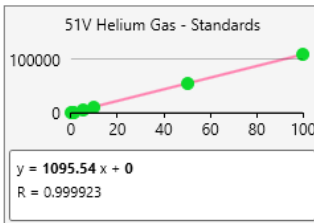
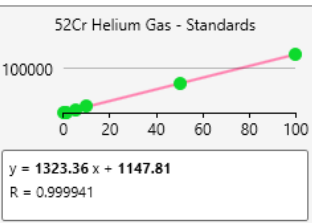
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	Analyte	Line Fit	Forcing	Internal Standard	Unit	Blank	Std-1	Std-2	Std-3	Std-4	Std-5	Std-6
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13	45Sc (Helium Gas)	Linear + I.S.	ThroughZero		ppb	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
14	51V (Helium Gas)	Linear + I.S.	ThroughZero	45Sc (Helium Gas)	ppb	0	0.5	1	5	10	50	100
15	52Cr (Helium Gas)	Linear + I.S.	ThroughBlank	45Sc (Helium Gas)	ppb	0	0.5	1	5	10	50	100
16	55Mn (Helium Gas)	Linear + I.S.	ThroughBlank	45Sc (Helium Gas)	ppb	0	0.5	1	5	10	50	100
17	56Fe (Helium Gas)	Linear + I.S.	ThroughBlank	89Y (Helium Gas)	ppb	0	0.5	1	5	10	50	100
18	59Co (No Gas)	Linear + I.S.	ThroughBlank	89Y (Helium Gas)	ppb	0	0.5	1	5	10	50	100
19	60Ni (Helium Gas)	Linear + I.S.	ThroughBlank	89Y (Helium Gas)	ppb	0	0.5	1	5	10	50	100
20	63Cu (Helium Gas)	Linear + I.S.	ThroughBlank	89Y (Helium Gas)	ppb	0	0.5	1	5	10	50	100
21	66Zn (Helium Gas)	Linear + I.S.	ThroughZero	89Y (Helium Gas)	ppb	0	0.5	1	5	10	50	100
22	72Ge (Helium Gas)	Linear + I.S.	ThroughZero		ppb	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
23	75As (Helium Gas)	Linear + I.S.	ThroughZero	72Ge (Helium Gas)	ppb	0	0.5	1	5	10	50	100
24	78Se (Helium Gas)	Linear + I.S.	ThroughBlank	72Ge (Helium Gas)	ppb	0	0.5	1	5	10	50	100
25	7Li (No Gas)	Linear + I.S.	ThroughZero		ppb	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
26	89Y (Helium Gas)	Linear + I.S.	ThroughZero		ppb	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
27	89Y (No Gas)	Linear + I.S.	ThroughZero		ppb	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
28	95Mo (Helium Gas)	Linear + I.S.	ThroughZero	115In (Helium Gas)	ppb	0	0.5	1	5	10	50	100

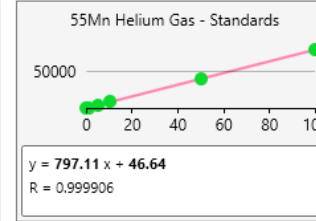
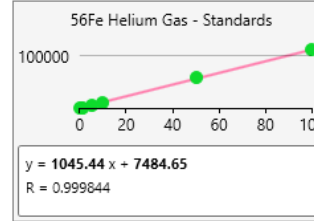
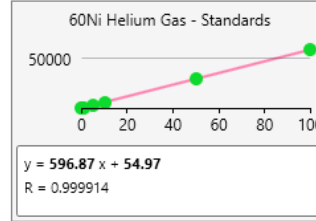
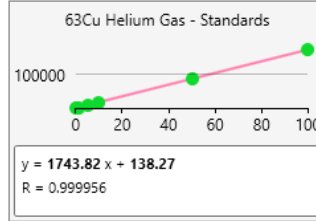
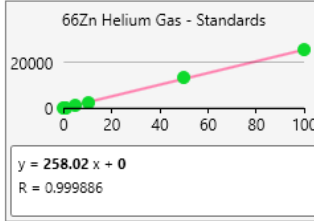
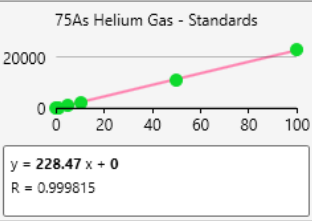


# Xceleri - Total Metals Calibration

Calibration Curves



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# Xceleri - Total Metals Drinking Water Results

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Home Settings

Calibration Sequences Report Charts

Sequence Results

Data Analysis

Direct Analysis - 4/15/2021 8:49:01 AM X Direct Analysis - Short list - 4/15/2021 1:59:04 PM X

Save Data Analysis Save As... Refresh Data Analysis

Data Report

Report Settings

- Analyte Column Ordering
- Analyte Column Filtering
- Decimal Point Accuracy: 4
- Minimum Report Value: Zero
- Advanced Reporting
- Automatic Scrolling
- Automatic Details
- Synchronize Reports

Intensities		Concentrations												
Index	Arrived	Time	Description	66Zn-(Helium Gas)	63Cu-(Helium Gas)	60Ni-(Helium Gas)	56Fe-(Helium Gas)	55Mn-(Helium Gas)	52Cr-(Helium Gas)	51V-(Helium Gas)	45Sc-(Helium Gas)	27Al-(Helium Gas)		
1	■	4/15/2021 1:59:06 PM	No Cal Blank	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	100.0000		
2	■	4/15/2021 2:02:22 PM	No Cal Blank	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	100.0000		
3	■	4/15/2021 2:05:35 PM	Blank	0.0839	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0122	100.0000		
4	■	4/15/2021 2:08:50 PM	Std-1	0.3615	0.2512	0.3321	0.3236	0.3407	0.2921	0.2904	0.2904	106.0362		
5	■	4/15/2021 2:12:04 PM	Std-2	1.0653	0.9974	1.0746	1.1175	1.0115	0.9241	0.9063	0.9063	99.3966		
6	■	4/15/2021 2:15:18 PM	Std-3	5.6623	5.2584	5.2643	5.4529	5.1835	4.9773	4.9668	4.9668	102.0895		
7	■	4/15/2021 2:18:33 PM	Std-4	10.7892	10.6584	10.6748	10.6061	10.4226	10.2350	10.0634	10.0634	98.0039		
8	■	4/15/2021 2:21:48 PM	Std-5	55.8250	55.2729	55.6706	56.6940	53.8003	53.5507	53.7477	53.7477	105.4323		
9	■	4/15/2021 2:25:01 PM	Std-6	99.3312	99.6214	99.4366	99.3019	99.4207	99.5896	99.4917	99.4917	103.6681		
10	■	4/15/2021 2:28:11 PM	No Cal Blank	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	102.4608		
11	■	4/15/2021 2:31:26 PM	Missouri River NP Dodge Boat Ramp	0.7137	1.1692	2.1418	8.0401	0.4651	0.0000	1.9523	1.9523	99.3038		
12	■	4/15/2021 2:34:39 PM	CRM-RS-8	14.2023	1.4009	0.5061	411.5988	6.6140	15.4012	1.0833	1.0833	101.0681		
13	■	4/15/2021 2:37:51 PM	ESI Tap Water 1 Instant	141.0954	18.8420	1.8793	1.2393	0.2153	1.3743	1.2101	1.2101	104.9220		
14	■	4/15/2021 2:41:05 PM	ESI Tap Water 1 Delayed	24.6845	9.6449	0.8243	0.8105	0.2901	1.6363	1.4446	1.4446	96.8428		
15	■	4/15/2021 2:44:19 PM	ESI Tap Water 2	2.9741	7.5530	0.4462	2.0417	0.3070	1.7901	1.4705	1.4705	94.1035		
16	■	4/15/2021 2:47:32 PM	ESI Tap Water 3	54.2408	84.0436	2.8909	1.9764	0.0911	1.7746	1.1243	1.1243	98.0502		
17	■	4/15/2021 2:50:46 PM	ESI Tap Water 4	1.7962	5.6373	0.6156	0.6871	0.1699	1.7847	1.0641	1.0641	97.1679		
18	■	4/15/2021 2:54:00 PM	ESI Tap Water 4 DUP	1.5570	5.8565	0.5357	0.7185	0.1368	1.4886	1.1012	1.1012	97.3535		
19	■	4/15/2021 2:57:12 PM	ESI Tap Water 4 SPK-1	1.1363	6.3343	0.6448	0.9131	0.0569	18.3731	0.9736	0.9736	104.6431		
20	■	4/15/2021 3:00:25 PM	ESI Tap Water 4 SPK-2	1.7395	6.3054	0.7837	2.4688	0.1125	17.7829	1.1789	1.1789	100.6037		
21	■	4/15/2021 3:03:40 PM	ESI Tap Water 4 SPK-3	1.7597	5.3841	0.7704	1.3878	0.4705	18.7311	0.9913	0.9913	95.8678		
22	■	4/15/2021 3:06:53 PM	BLK1	0.5123	0.0000	0.0000	1.6725	0.0000	0.0000	0.0397	0.0397	95.7748		

Export Options

Sample Concentration Details

Calibration Curves





# Drinking Water Results Overview

	137Ba	121Sb	111Cd	95Mo	78Se	75As	66Zn	63Cu	60Ni	56Fe	55Mn	52Cr	51V	27Al	238U	232Th	208Pb	205Tl	107Ag	59Co	9Be
Iowa Deep Well Water 1	58	0.057	0.00	1.3	5.8	0.8	13	1.2	0.0	4.1	0.4	0.9	6.7	0.0	4.8	1.89	0.043	0.022	0.013	0.042	0.000
Iowa Deep Well Water 2	57	0.068	0.00	1.3	3.2	0.6	24	1.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.6	6.1	0.4	4.7	0.68	0.062	0.007	0.000	0.032	0.000
Iowa Shallow Well Water 1	68	0.239	0.09	2.2	0.0	3.7	58	6.4	0.9	0.7	1.1	0.5	1.0	13.5	1.0	0.27	0.156	0.017	0.000	0.093	0.000
Iowa Shallow Well Water 2	67	0.230	0.05	1.7	0.0	4.4	57	6.4	0.9	2.0	0.4	0.5	1.5	5.6	0.9	0.12	0.100	0.013	0.000	0.067	0.000
Kyle T. Fridge Filtered Water	0	0.172	0.00	3.3	1.5	3.6	0.9	1.3	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.9	2.0	4.4	0.8	0.06	0.007	0.003	0.017	0.012	0.021
Kyle T. Tap Unfiltered Water	0	0.171	0.05	3.4	5.7	3.7	0.3	8.3	0.5	0.0	0.1	0.6	5.2	1.3	2.4	0.07	0.006	0.005	0.297	0.095	0.011
Conner B. Farm Tap Water	196	0.153	0.00	3.3	1.3	2.6	1.2	82	0.2	0.0	0.2	3.0	5.3	0.5	5.5	0.11	0.091	0.002	0.000	0.157	0.000
Conner B. City Tap Water	61	0.210	0.05	3.0	0.0	2.9	0.1	0.9	1.0	0.0	0.4	0.6	5.1	7.9	2.5	0.07	0.033	0.004	0.097	0.100	0.000
Denise Well Water 1	292	0.055	0.00	0.5	0.5	0.4	13	3.9	0.4	2.7	0.6	1.4	0.4	0.0	3.9	0.08	0.078	0.004	0.000	0.075	0.000
Denise Well Water 2	306	0.085	0.01	0.6	6.2	0.3	24	5.7	0.6	4.4	0.5	1.8	0.4	0.0	3.0	0.04	0.050	0.004	0.000	0.084	0.011
Schreffler Well Water	0	0.000	0.00	0.0	0.0	0.0	463	503	0.7	1.6	0.0	0.8	0.0	0.6	0.0	0.01	0.666	0.002	0.000	0.000	0.031
Schreffler Tap Water	44	0.211	0.07	2.7	0.0	0.7	290	5.9	4.0	1.3	0.2	2.0	1.1	61.2	0.8	0.03	0.097	0.008	0.000	0.081	0.000
Lake Zorinsky	147	0.382	0.00	3.5	0.0	2.2	0.1	0.9	2.6	9.5	1.8	1.0	1.2	15.1	4.0	0.03	0.022	0.015	0.000	0.134	0.011
Walnut Creek Lake	128	0.138	0.01	3.4	1.3	1.5	0.1	0.5	1.5	6.6	5.8	0.6	0.4	10.3	3.2	0.02	0.008	0.006	0.000	0.114	0.000
Standing Bear Lake	127	0.185	0.00	2.1	0.0	1.1	0.8	0.8	1.4	73	6.8	0.9	0.8	80.4	1.2	0.05	0.071	0.009	0.000	0.123	0.000
Regency Lake	105	0.210	0.00	0.9	0.8	3.2	0.4	0.7	0.3	3.5	1.8	0.9	0.5	0.6	0.9	0.02	0.014	0.013	0.000	0.094	0.000
Wehrspann Lake	163	0.430	0.02	7.7	6.7	1.2	0.5	1.0	1.2	9.5	8.1	0.4	0.7	7.3	3.2	0.04	0.032	0.009	0.000	0.107	0.022
Missouri River NP Dodge Boat Ramp	65	0.457	0.02	3.5	4.8	2.2	0.6	1.3	2.3	5.5	0.4	1.0	1.9	4.7	4.4	0.03	0.018	0.019	0.000	0.102	0.011
ESI Tap Water 1 Instant	30	0.315	0.00	2.6	6.8	0.4	132	18	2.2	1.2	0.2	2.7	1.2	79.1	0.6	0.02	0.019	0.011	0.101	0.134	0.011
ESI Tap Water 1 Delayed	27	0.229	0.00	3.0	0.0	0.3	25	10	0.7	3.9	0.4	2.5	1.1	94.3	0.6	0.02	0.010	0.015	0.027	0.150	0.011
ESI Tap Water 2	28	0.374	0.00	2.5	0.0	0.4	2.4	6.8	0.4	3.4	0.2	3.0	1.2	87.1	0.6	0.02	0.018	0.014	0.000	0.137	0.022
ESI Tap Water 3	27	0.245	0.09	2.8	7.3	0.5	53	83	3.1	0.6	0.0	2.5	1.0	32.2	0.5	0.01	0.036	0.009	0.000	0.088	0.000
ESI Tap Water 4	28	0.274	0.00	2.8	0.0	0.7	1.6	5.4	0.6	2.5	0.2	3.0	0.9	71.1	0.6	0.02	0.008	0.015	0.000	0.113	0.045

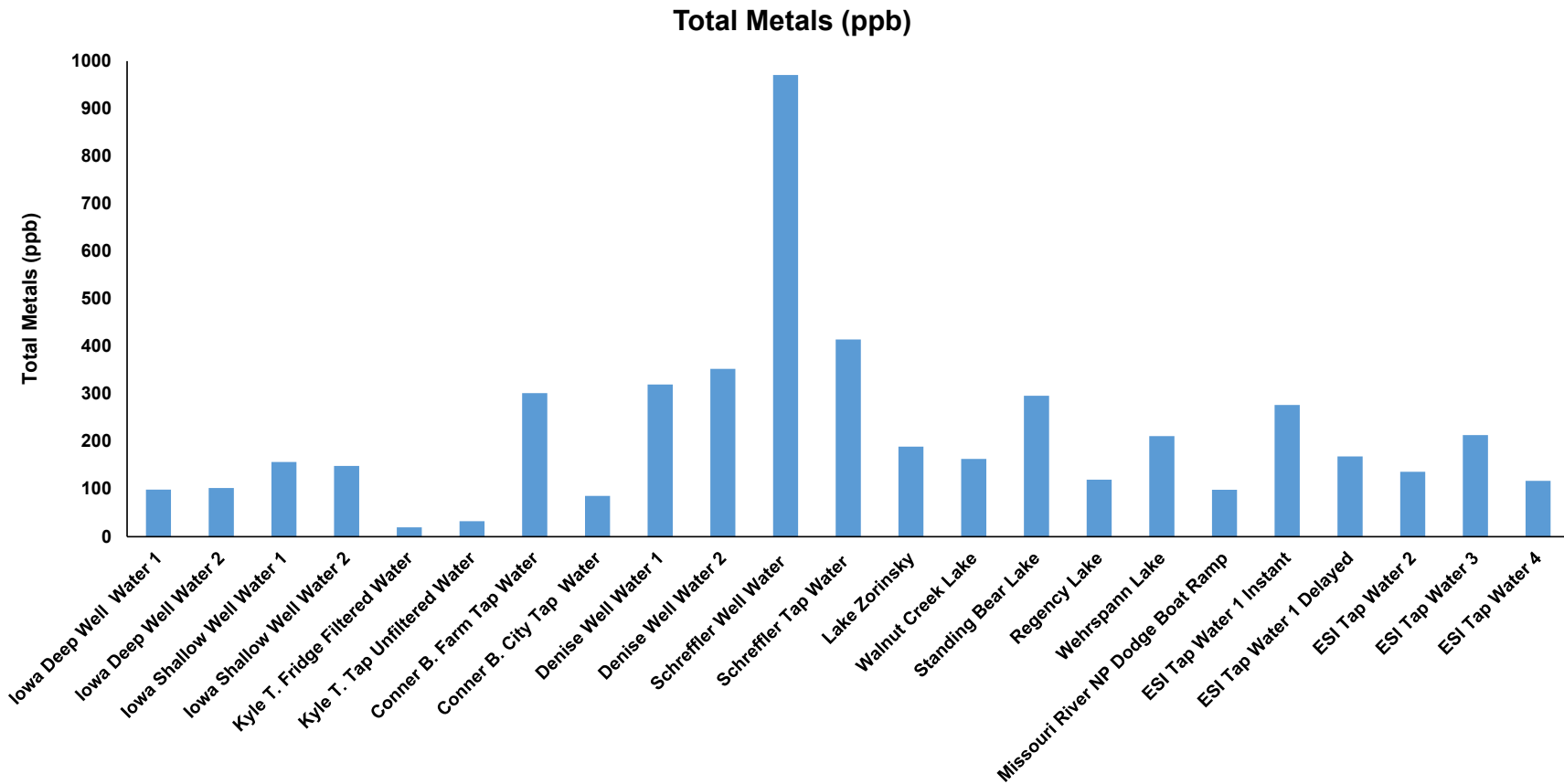


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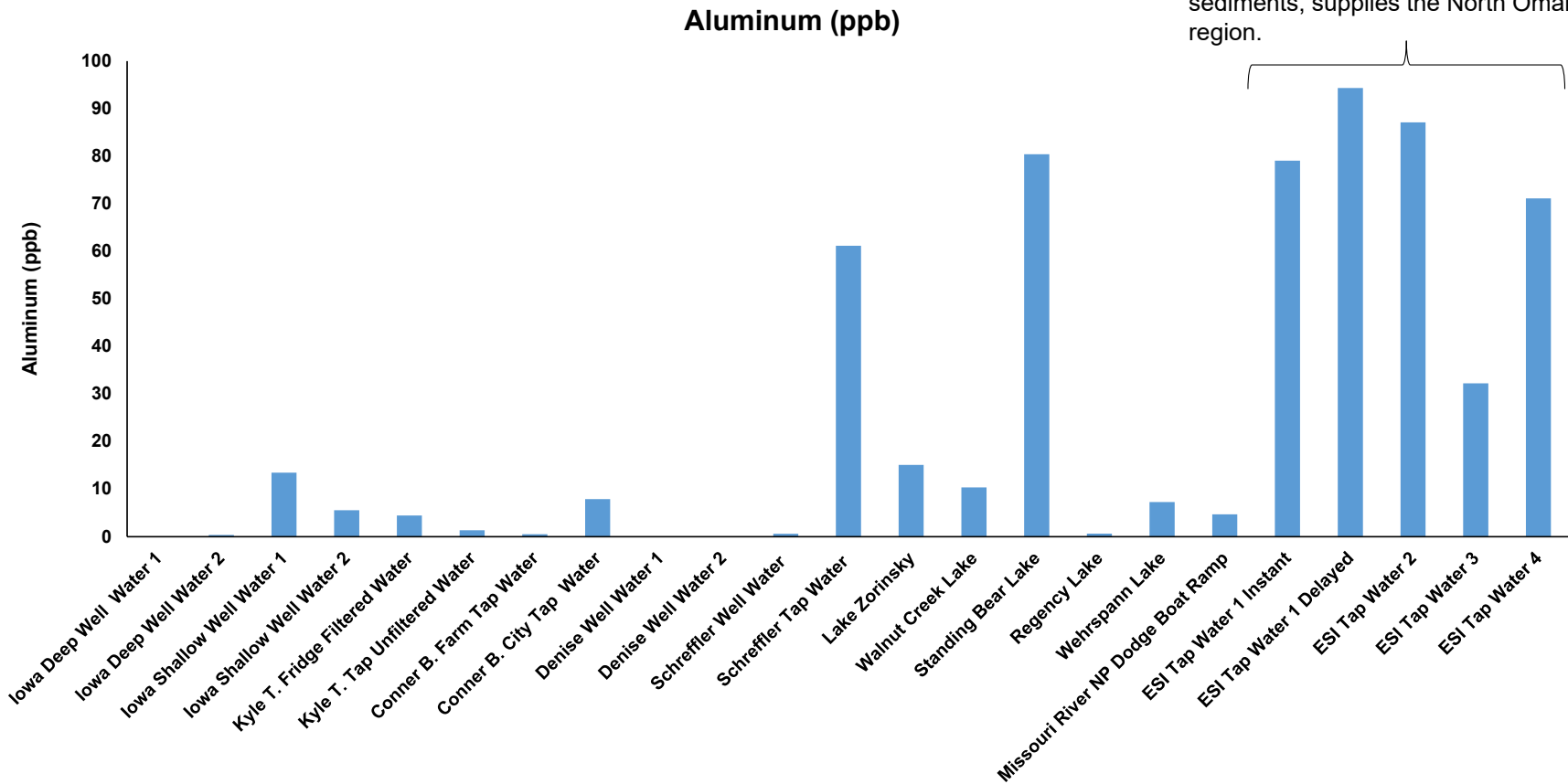
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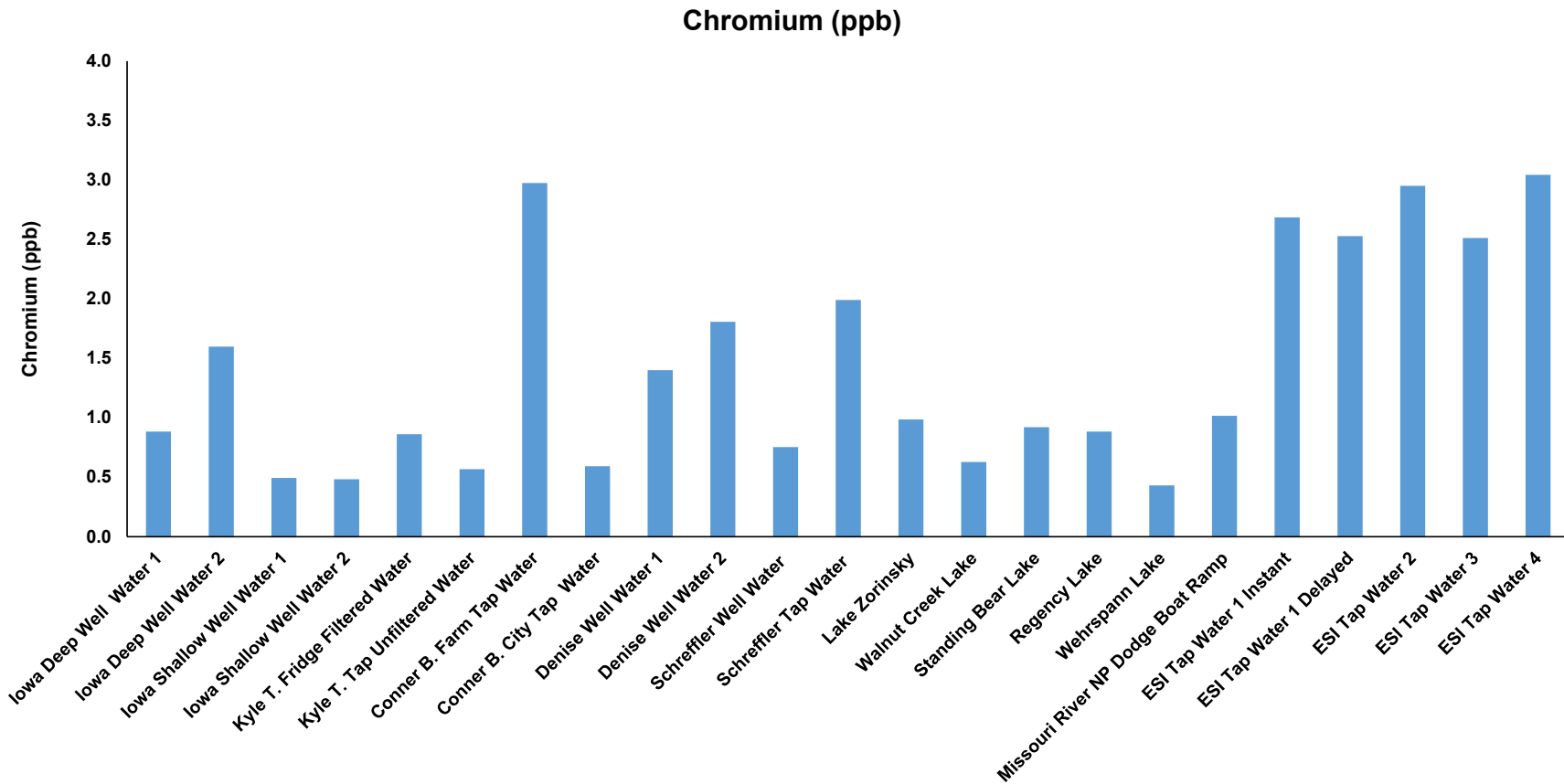
# Drinking Water Results Overview



# Drinking Water Results - Al



# Drinking Water Results - Total Cr



# Xceleri - Total Metals Drinking Water Results

Direct Analysis - Short list ✕

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**Sequence Rules**

**Alerts**

Cr High

Add
Remove

**Alert Editor**

Alert Name

Cr High

Export (\*.csv, \*.dat) on:

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Alert Failure Actions

1. Add Sample To Template  
Cr Speciation Template
2. Continue To Next Sample
3. Continue To Next Sample
4. Continue To Next Sample
5. Continue To Next Sample

**Rules**

Standards
Quality Check
Priority Samples
Samples
Readbacks

Analyte	Calibration	Description	Limit Type	Lower Limit	Upper Limit	Alert
52Cr (Helium Gas)	Standards	-ALL-	Concentration - Warning		-3000	5 Cr High
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# Xceleri - Total Metals Drinking Water Results

### Alerts

Cr High
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# Xceleri - Total Metals Drinking Water Results

**Rules**

Standards Quality Check Priority Samples Samples Readbacks

Analyte	Calibration	Description	Limit Type	Lower Limit	Upper Limit	Alert
52Cr (Helium Gas)	Standards	-ALL-	Concentration - Warning		-3000	5 Cr High
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# Xceleri - Automated Cr Speciation Analysis

Intensities		Concentrations				
Index	Arrived	Time	Description	52Cr-(Helium Gas)	51V-(Helium Gas)	
23	☑	4/15/2021 9:59:51 AM	Lake Zorinsky		1.0	1.2
24	☑	4/15/2021 10:03:04 AM	Walnut Creek Lake		0.6	0.4
25	☑	4/15/2021 10:06:16 AM	Standing Bear Lake		0.9	0.8
26	☑	4/15/2021 10:09:28 AM	Regency Lake		0.9	0.5
27	☑	4/15/2021 10:12:40 AM	Wehrspann Lake		0.4	0.7
28	☑	4/15/2021 10:15:54 AM	Missouri River NP Dodge Boat Ramp		1.0	1.9
❗ 29	☑	4/15/2021 10:19:07 AM	CRM-RS-B		15.6	1.0
30	☑	4/15/2021 10:22:19 AM	ESI Tap Water 1 Instant		2.7	1.2
31	☑	4/15/2021 10:25:31 AM	ESI Tap Water 1 Delayed		2.5	1.1
32	☑	4/15/2021 10:28:44 AM	ESI Tap Water 2		3.0	1.2
33	☑	4/15/2021 10:31:59 AM	ESI Tap Water 3		2.5	1.0
34	☑	4/15/2021 10:35:11 AM	ESI Tap Water 4		3.0	0.9
35	☑	4/15/2021 10:38:23 AM	ESI Tap Water 4 DUP		2.9	1.0
❗ 36	☑	4/15/2021 10:41:37 AM	ESI Tap Water 4 SPK-1		19.3	1.1
❗ 37	☑	4/15/2021 10:44:50 AM	ESI Tap Water 4 SPK-2		18.6	0.8
❗ 38	☑	4/15/2021 10:48:02 AM	ESI Tap Water 4 SPK-3		18.9	0.9

❗ Analytes detected by rules:  
52Cr-(Helium Gas)

Priority action for: 52Cr (Helium Gas)  
Failure number: 1  
Limit Type: Concentration - Warning  
Alert to run: Cr High

Executing: Add CRM-RS-B To Next Template



# Xceleri - Automated Cr Speciation Analysis

The screenshot displays the Xceleri software interface. At the top, there are tabs for 'Home', 'Settings', 'Calibration Sequences', 'Report', and 'Charts'. Below this is a 'Data Analysis' section with three active tabs: 'Direct Analysis - 4/15/2021 8:49:01 AM', 'Direct Analysis - Short list - 4/15/2021 1:59:04 PM', and 'Cr Speciation Template - 4/15/2021 3:10:09 PM'. The main area is titled 'Sequence Template' and has two sub-tabs: 'Editor' and 'Summary'. Under 'Editor', there is a 'Sequence Flow' section with a 'Main Table Flow' diagram showing 'Standard Calibration' leading to 'Samples'. To the right is a 'Currently Running Table' with columns: Description, Matrix Type, Remote ID, Max Prep Time, FAST Method, and Last Run. On the far right is a 'Latest Samples' table with columns: Index, Description, Run Time, and Status. At the bottom left, there are 'Sequence Settings' with checkboxes for 'Import First Calibrations On Start' and 'Pause Recalibrations'.

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15	ESI Tap Water 4 SPK-1	4/15/2021 4:12:58 PM	Successful
14	CRM-RS-0	4/15/2021 4:08:32 PM	Successful
13	ESI Tap Water 4 DUP	4/15/2021 4:04:09 PM	Successful
12	FRI Tap Water 4	4/15/2021 3:59:44 PM	Successful
11	No Cal Blank	4/15/2021 3:55:18 PM	Successful
10	Std-5	4/15/2021 3:50:52 PM	Successful
9	Std-4	4/15/2021 3:46:26 PM	Successful
8	Std-3	4/15/2021 3:42:01 PM	Successful
7	Std-2	4/15/2021 3:37:35 PM	Successful
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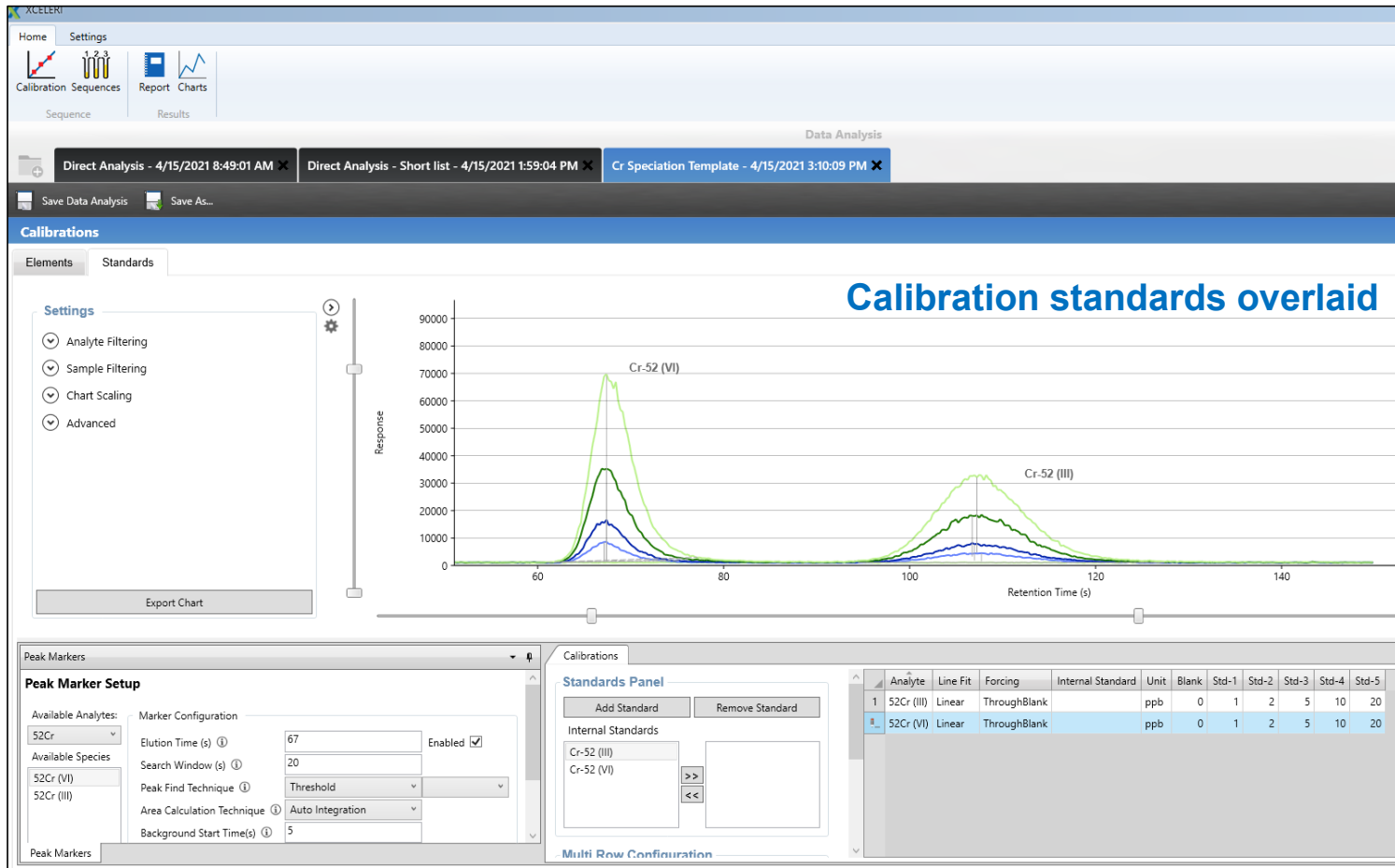
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Latest Samples

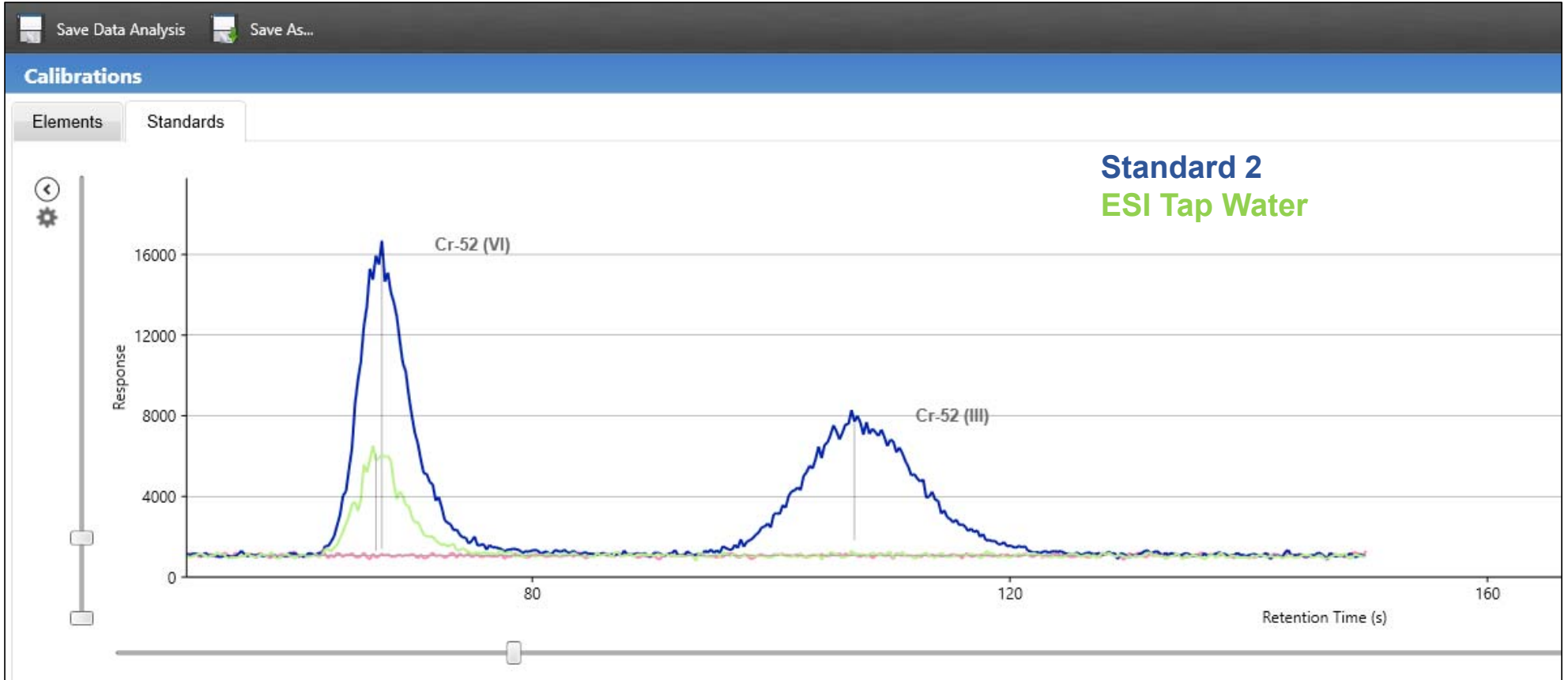
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Chromatograms		Intensities		Concentrations		
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10	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	4/15/2021 3:50:52 PM	Std-5	19.5	19.8	
11	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	4/15/2021 3:55:18 PM	No Cal Blank	0.0	0.0	
12	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	4/15/2021 3:59:44 PM	ESI Tap Water 4	3.0	0.0	
13	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	4/15/2021 4:04:09 PM	ESI Tap Water 4 DUP	3.0	0.0	
14	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	4/15/2021 4:08:32 PM	CRM-RS-B	0.0	19.0	
15	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	4/15/2021 4:12:58 PM	ESI Tap Water 4 SPK-1	19.8	0.0	
16	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	4/15/2021 4:17:23 PM	ESI Tap Water 4 SPK-2	19.5	0.0	
17	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	4/15/2021 4:21:50 PM	ESI Tap Water 4 SPK-3	19.8	0.1	





# Summary

- Demonstrated a method for the determination of Total Metals in water with automated Cr Speciation of samples that were over the set 5 ppb threshold (user setting in the software).
- Analyzed water samples from around the Omaha, NE, USA area. None of these samples exceeded ~ 3.0 ppb Cr.
- Water samples from Elemental Scientific HQs showed higher levels of Al, which is most likely a result of the aluminum-based flocculant used in the water treatment process.
- Demonstrated good spike recoveries for Cr VI species.

