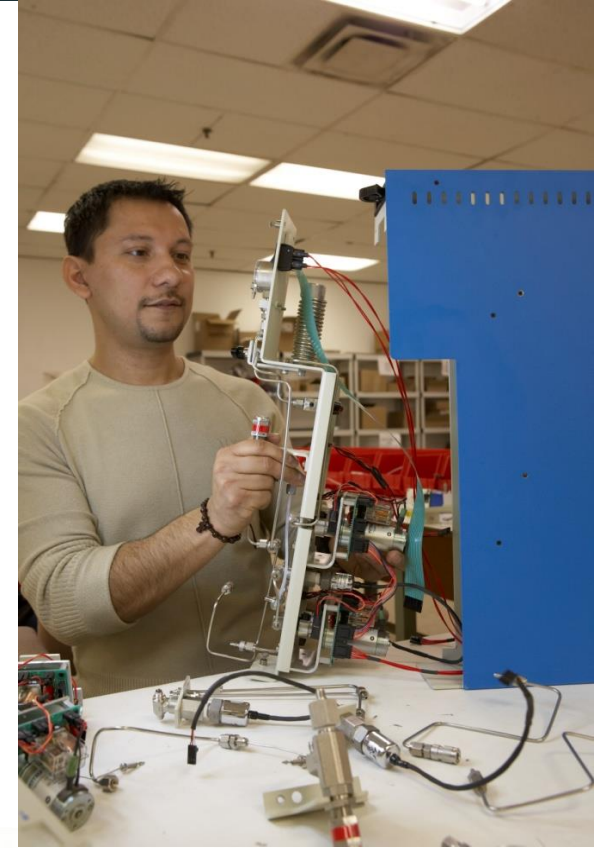


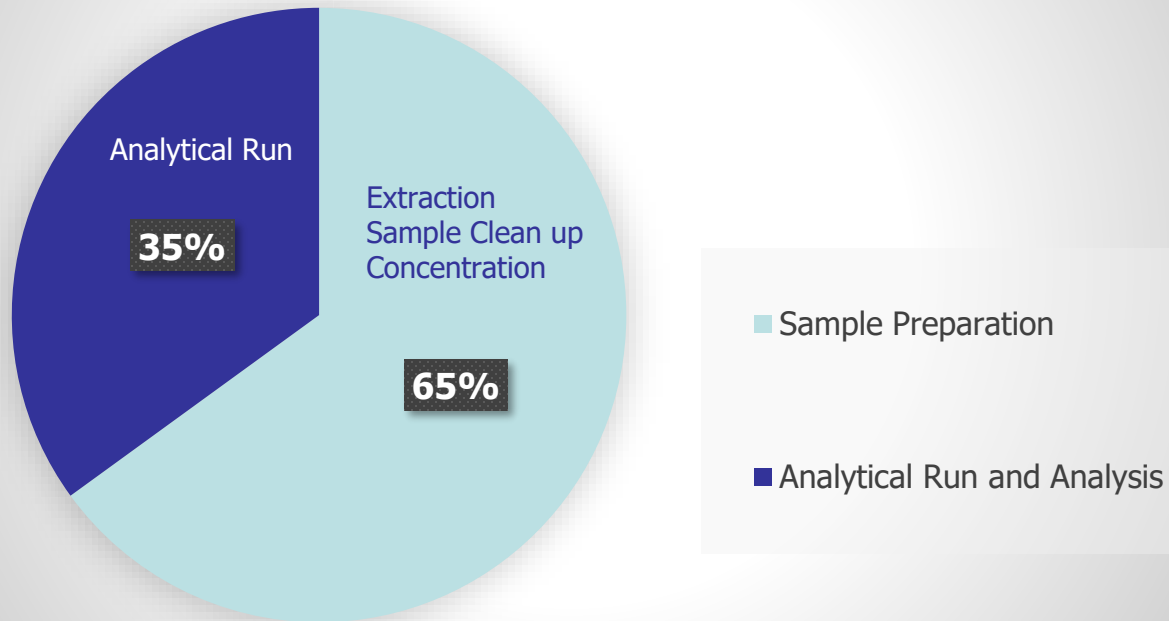
# **Semi-Automated Solid Phase Extraction and Analysis of Wastewater with EPA Method 625**

# Made in the USA



# Laboratory Workflow Breakdown

## Sample Prep versus Analytical in Time



# Solid Phase Extraction

## Automated



**EconoTrace®**  
Drinking Water



**TurboTrace®**  
Drinking &  
Waste Water



**TurboTrace® ABN**  
EPA Methods 625  
& 8270

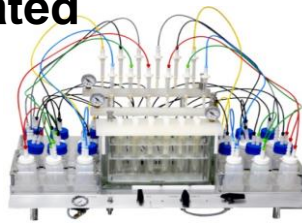


**TurboTrace® PFC**  
Drinking & Waste  
Water

## Semi-Automated



**12 Position EZSPE®**  
Drinking Water &  
Waste Water  
Analysis



**12 Position EZPFC**  
Drinking Water & Waste  
Water  
PFAS/PFOS/PFOA  
Analysis

## Concentration



**SuperVap®**  
Concentration and  
Evaporation



**Direct to Vial**






# Overview

- **Development of a fully automated extraction system for EPA 8270/625**
  - Full Validation package available reviewed by the US EPA
- **Establishment of an extraction procedure capable of implementation of various aqueous matrices**
  - Implementation of platform across other EPA methodologies
- **Participation in ILI SPE Demonstration project for method suitability**
- **Performed Independent Validation Study of Many Waste Water Matrices**
- **Developed a Semi-Automated extraction system for EPA 8270/625 (Semi Volatiles in Water)**

# Matrices

- **DI and Tap**
  - **ASTM 5909 synthetic Wastewater**
  - **TCLP Fluid**
  - **Pond, River and Reservoir surface water**
  - **Real world industrial effluents and influents**
  - **Groundwater**
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# Comparison of LLE/CLE vs. Automated SPE Methods

## **LLE/CLE**

Open to laboratory background

Uses >360mls solvent

Shaking / Continuous process

Forms emulsions requiring centrifuging

Little Selectivity

Requires water removal

## **Automated/Semi-Automated SPE**

Closed system

Uses <60mls solvent

Filtration process

No emulsions formed

Wide Selectivity (adsorbent)

In-line water removal

Fast and Unattended

Low Solvent Usage

# Fast Flow Vacuum based Sample Processing





# Sample Sizes Unlimited



# SPE Cartridges



# Drying Cartridges



# Vacuum and Nitrogen Drying



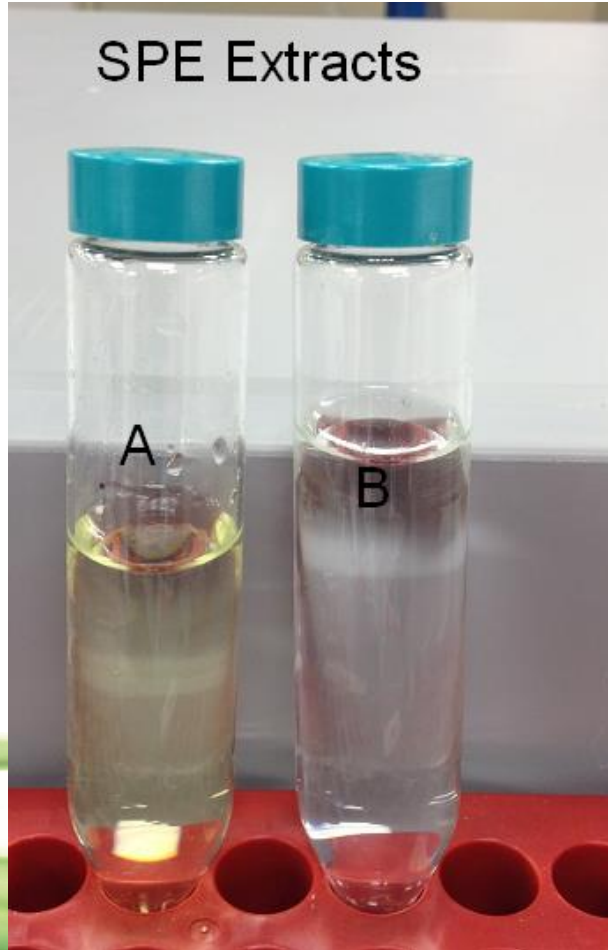


# No Formation of Emulsions

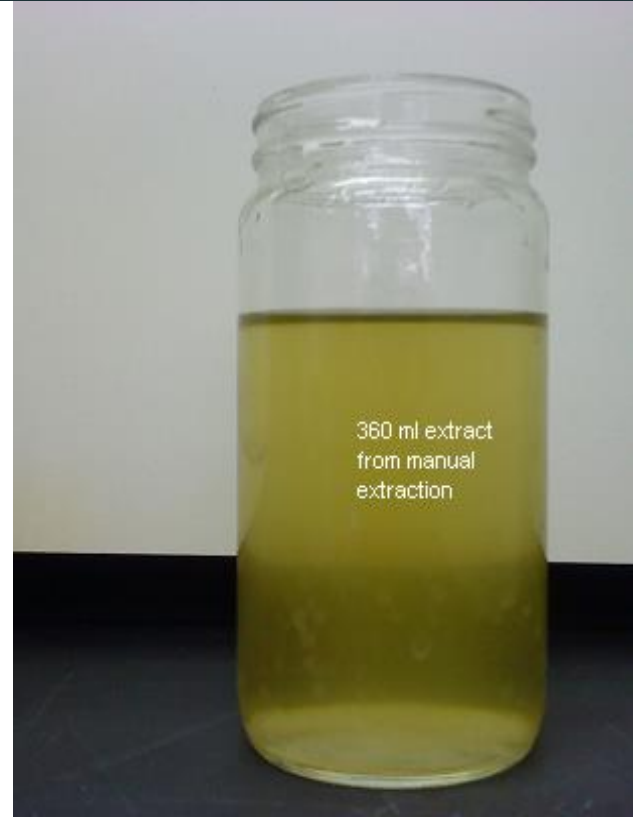




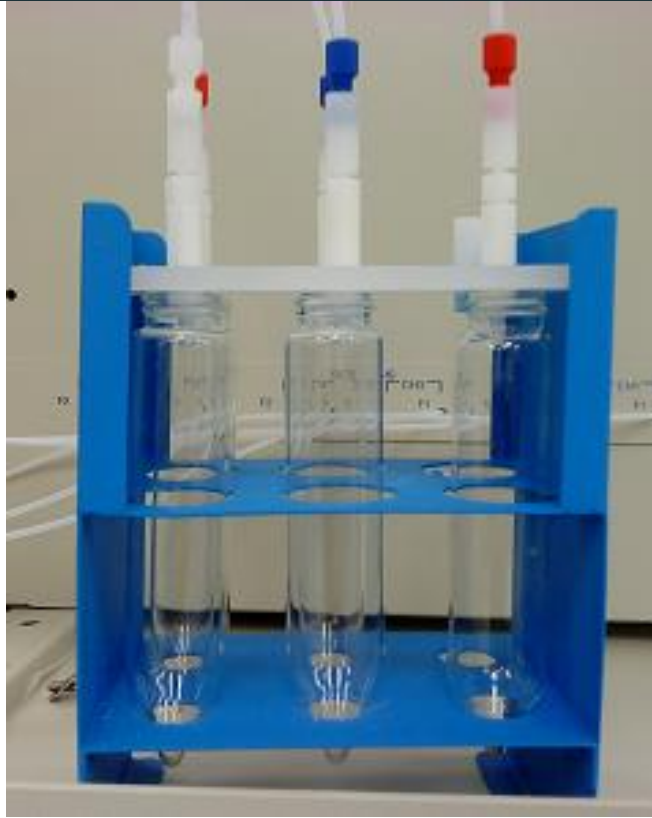
# No subsequent Emulsions in Extracts to deal with



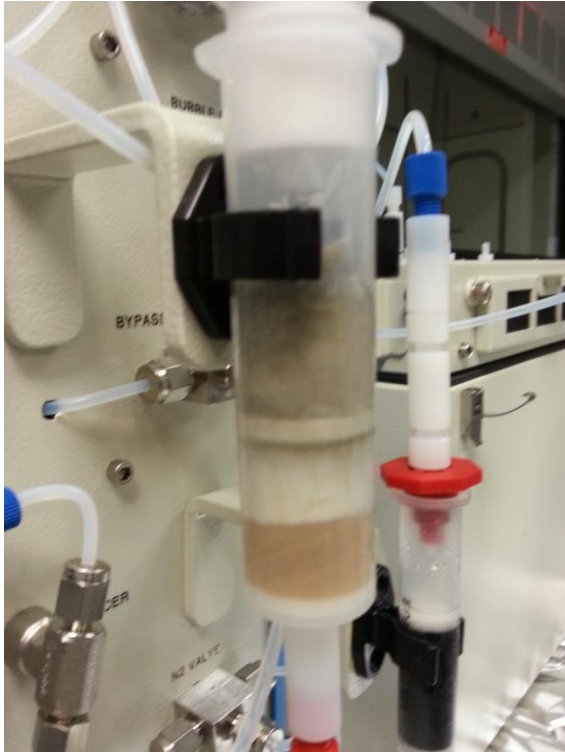
# Reduced Solvent Usage



# Reduced Exposure to Laboratory Background



# Dual SPE Cartridge Extraction



Direct to Vial  
Concentration



# Direct to Vial Concentration





# SuperVap Concentrator

- 12 position
- 50ml vessel



# SuperVap Features

- **6 (250ml), 12 (50ml) 24 (15ml) position models for extractions.**
- **Dry bath heating element**
- **Independent secondary heater for extract nipple (Can be disabled).**
- **Sensor controlled**
- **Savable temperature log**

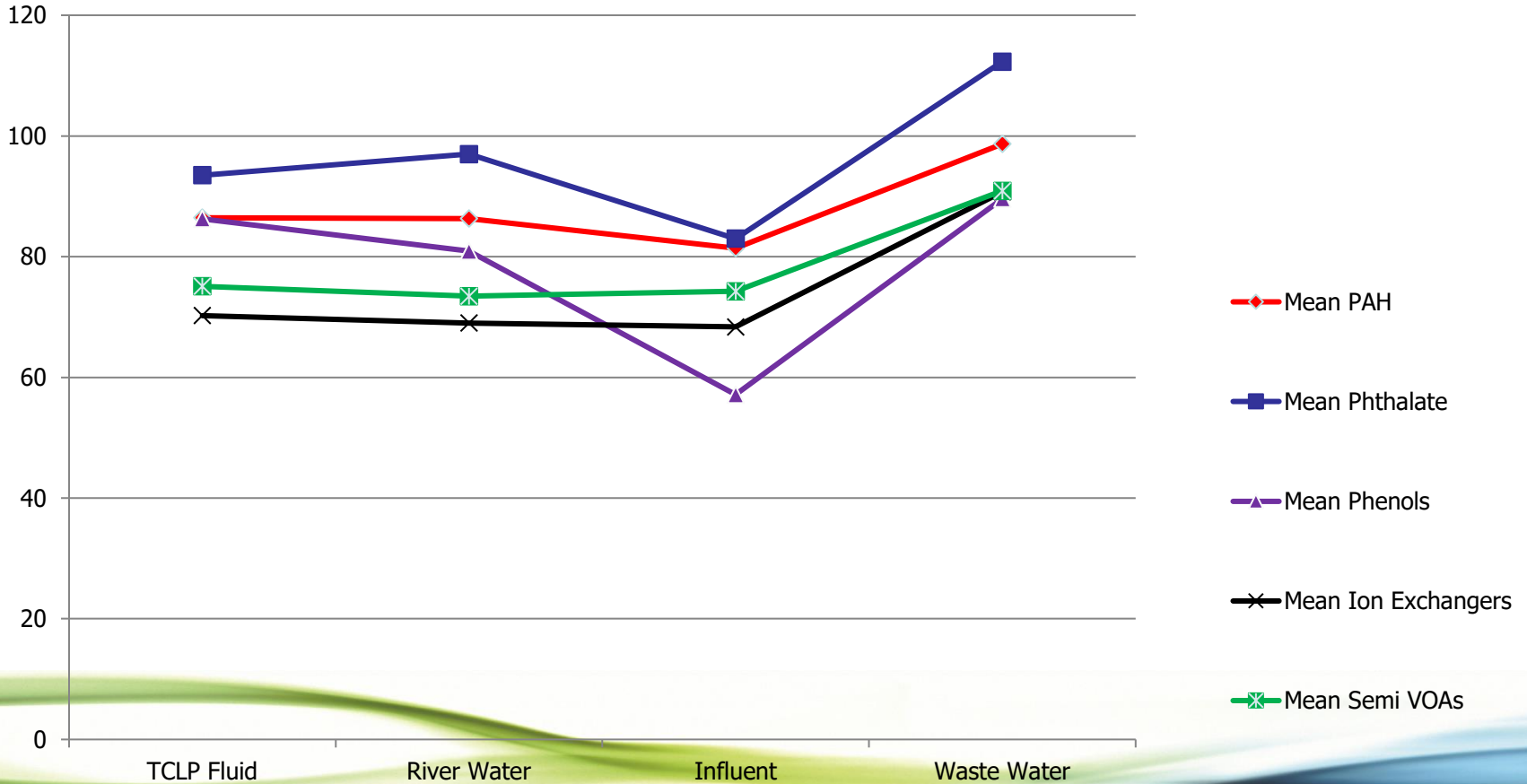
# SPE Procedure (1)

- **1 L water samples, pH < 2, spike with standards**
- **Condition with DCM, MeOH, water**
- **Cartridges: mixed bed and coconut charcoal**
- **Load samples across cartridges under vacuum and dry**
- **Bottle rinse, elute DCM across mixed bed and collect (Fraction # 1)**
- **Recondition mixed bed (MeOH); 1% NaOH across both cartridges**

# SPE Procedure (2)

- **Dry, elute both cartridges sequentially with DCM (Fraction # 2)**
- **Purge system with nitrogen to collect any analytes**
- **Dry Fraction with sodium sulfate**
- **Evaporation and low res GC/MS**

# Recoveries by Analyte Class

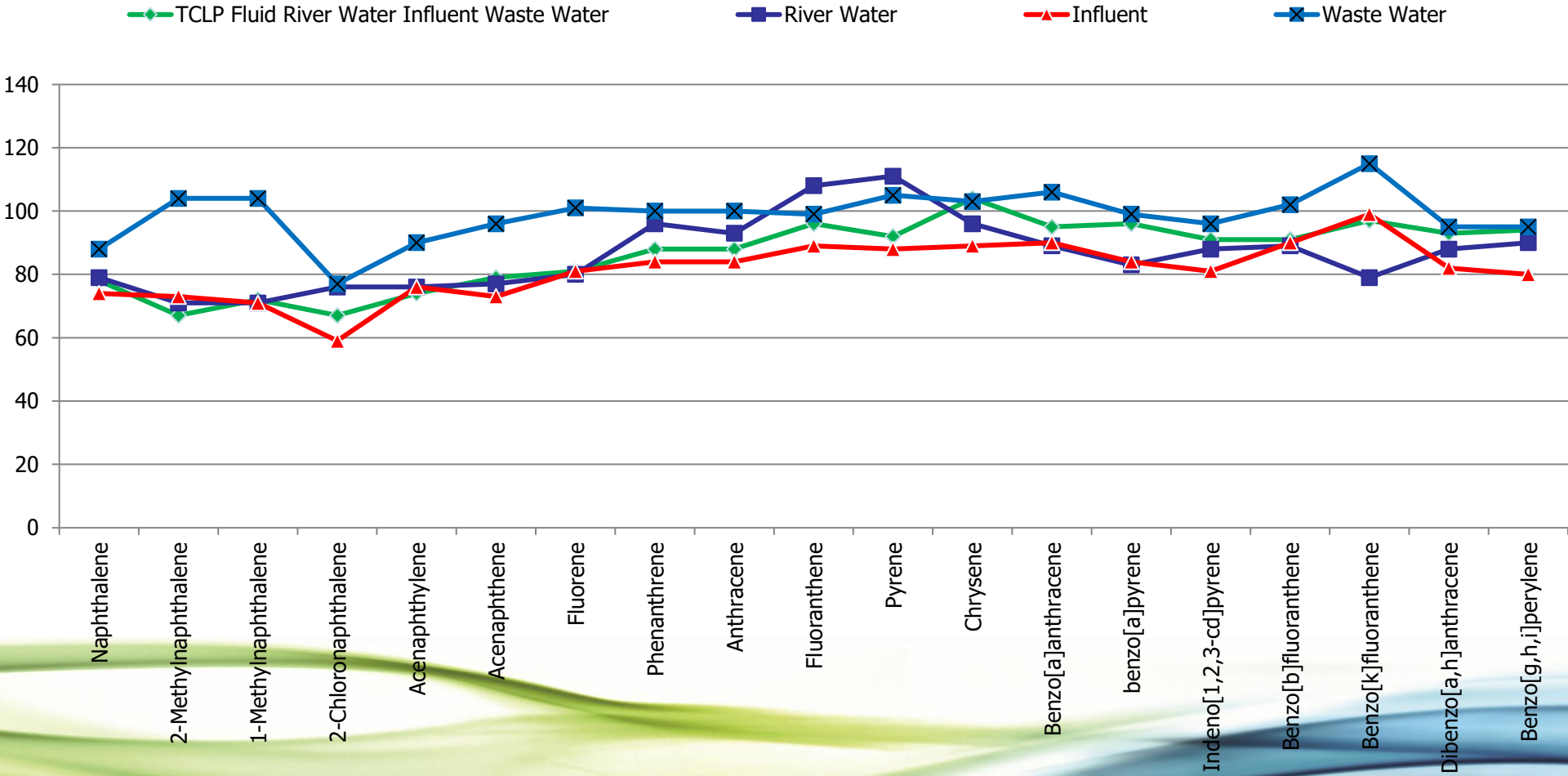




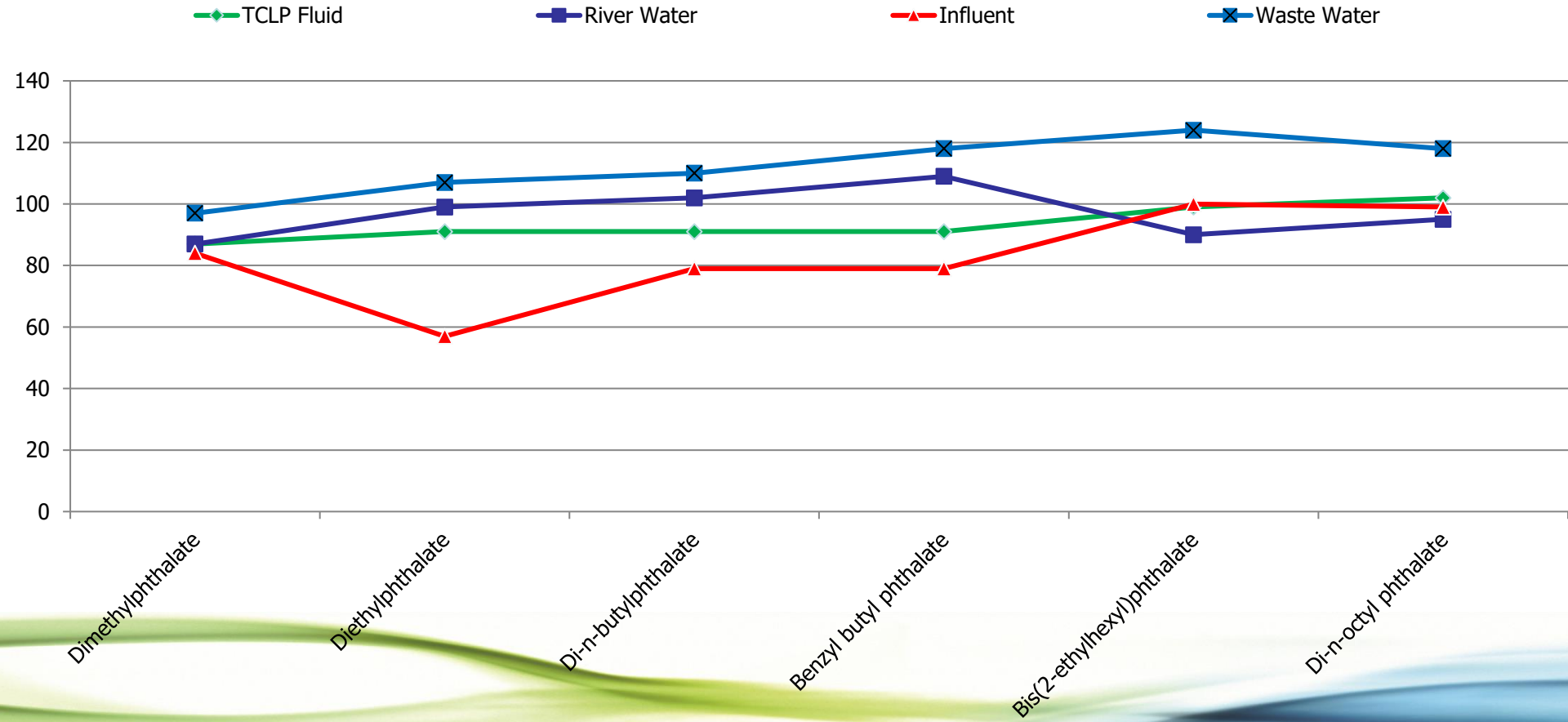
## **Recoveries for Individual Compounds with specific Analyte Classes**



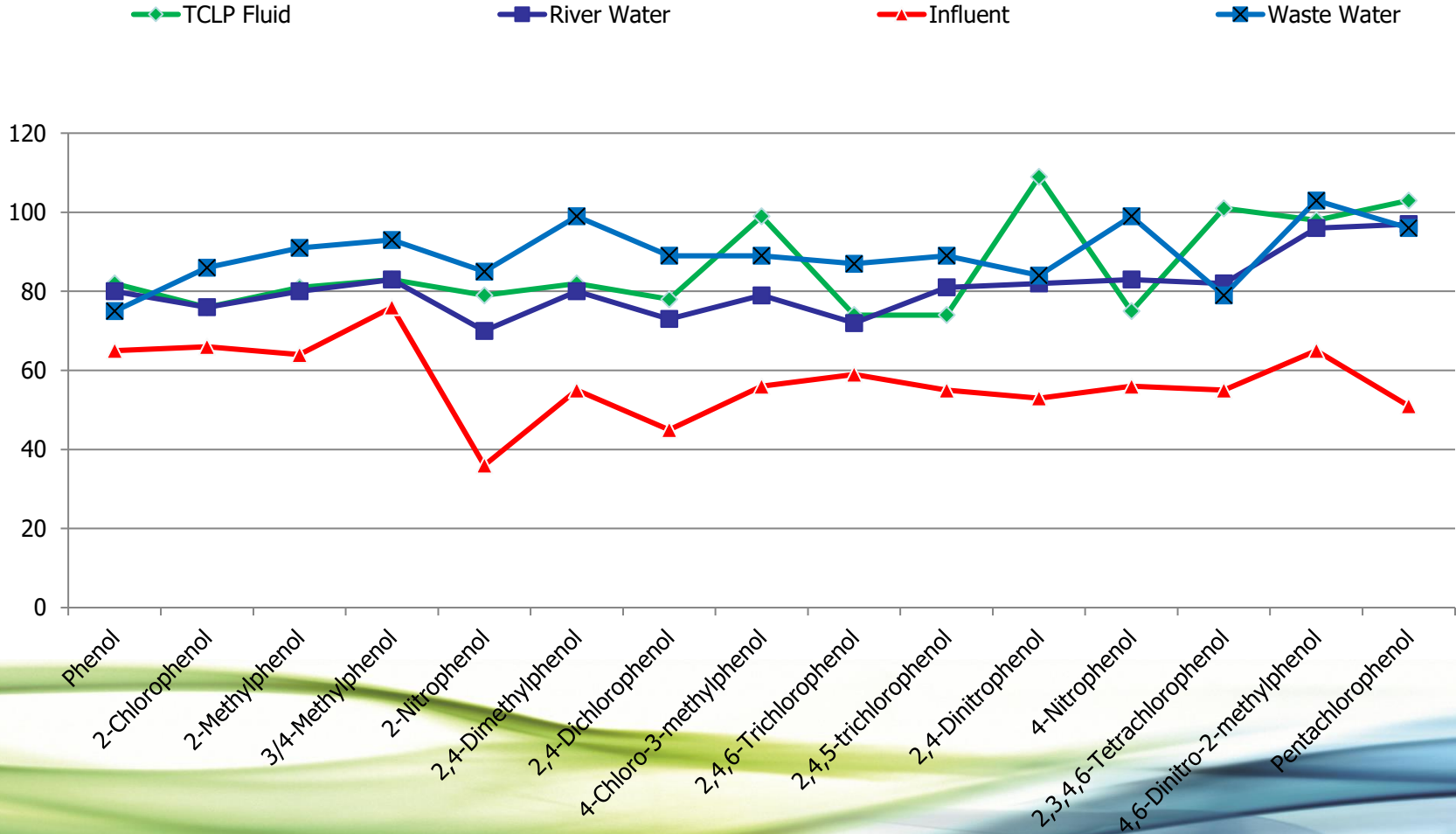
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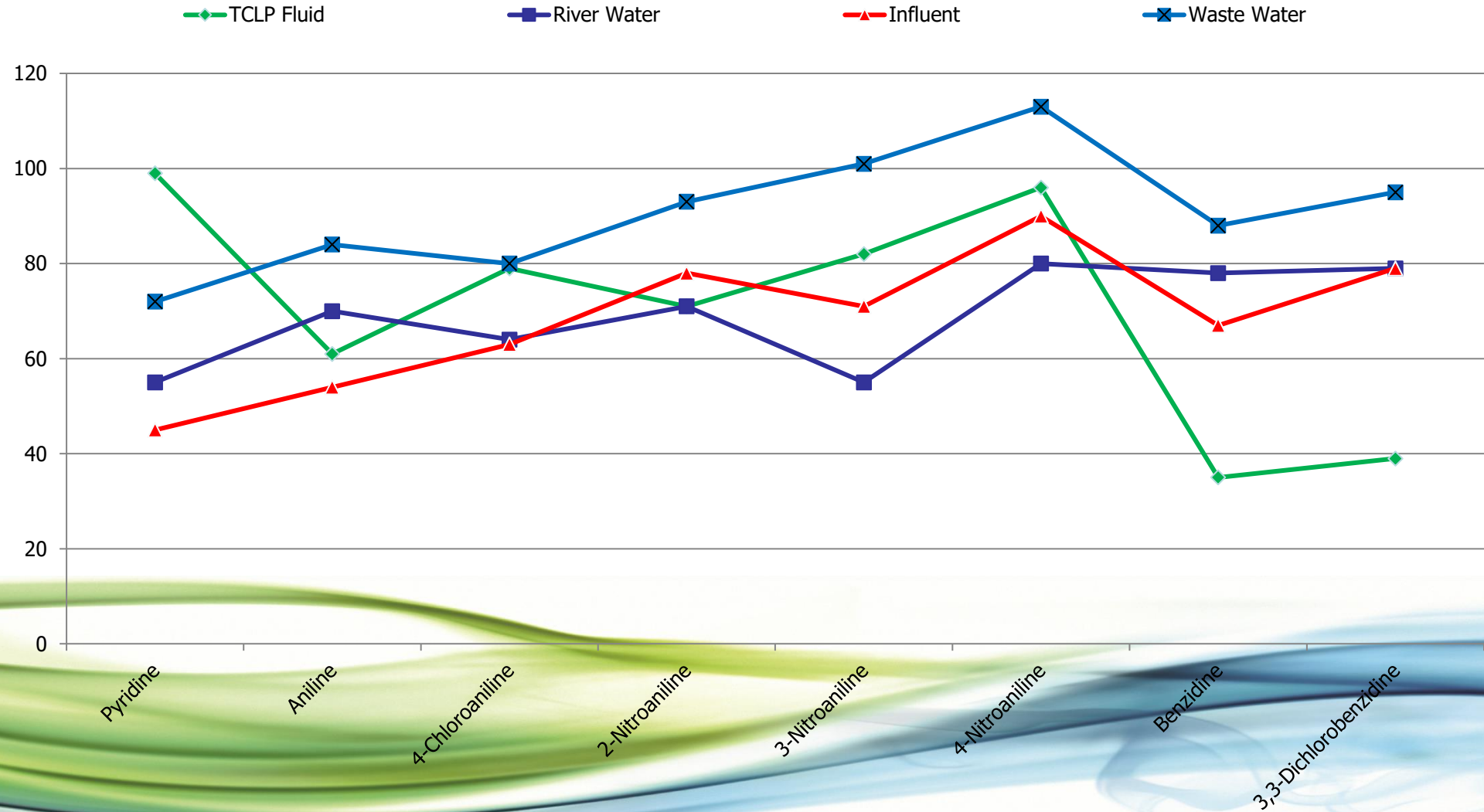
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# Phenols

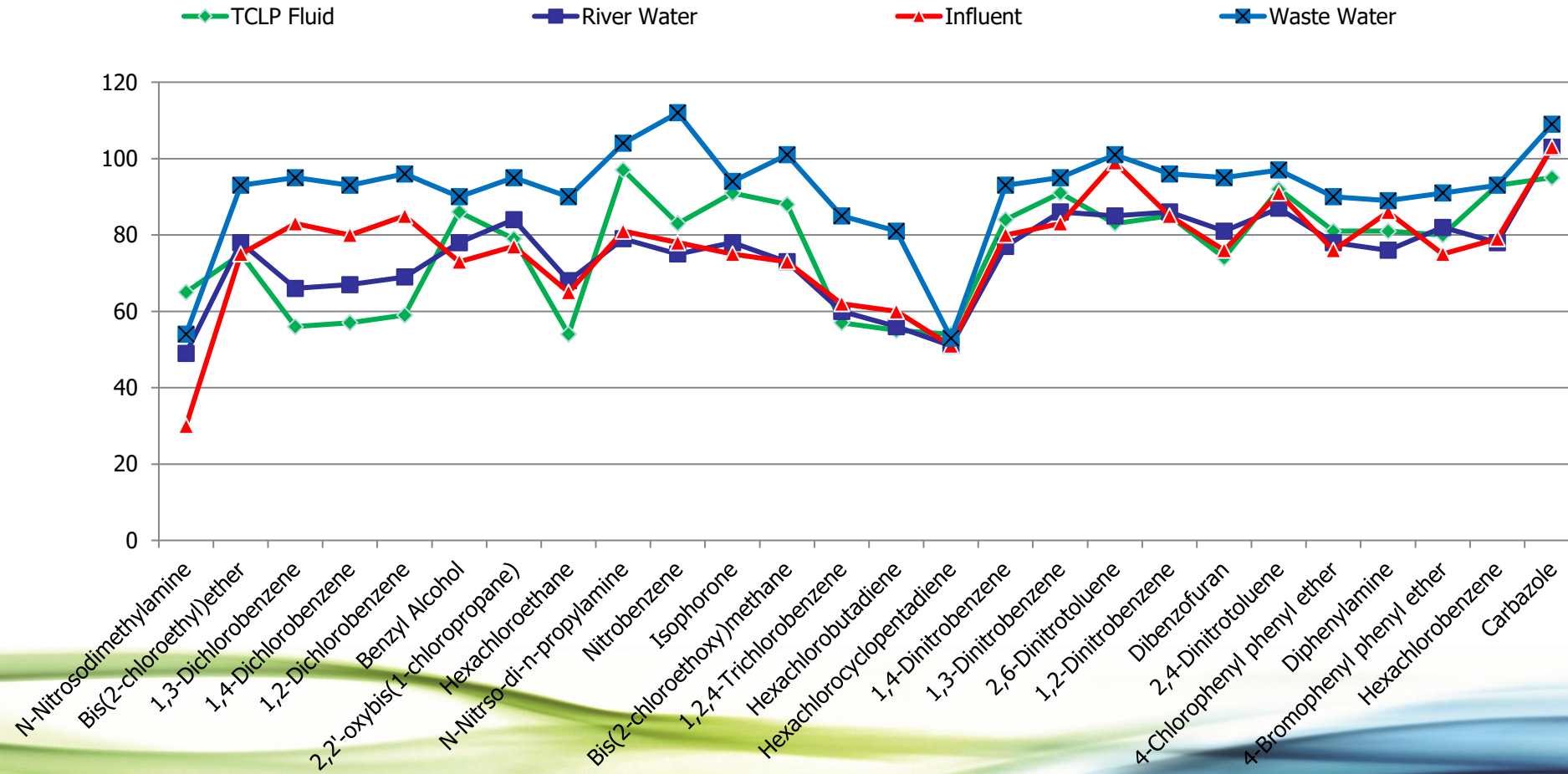


# Ion Exchangers





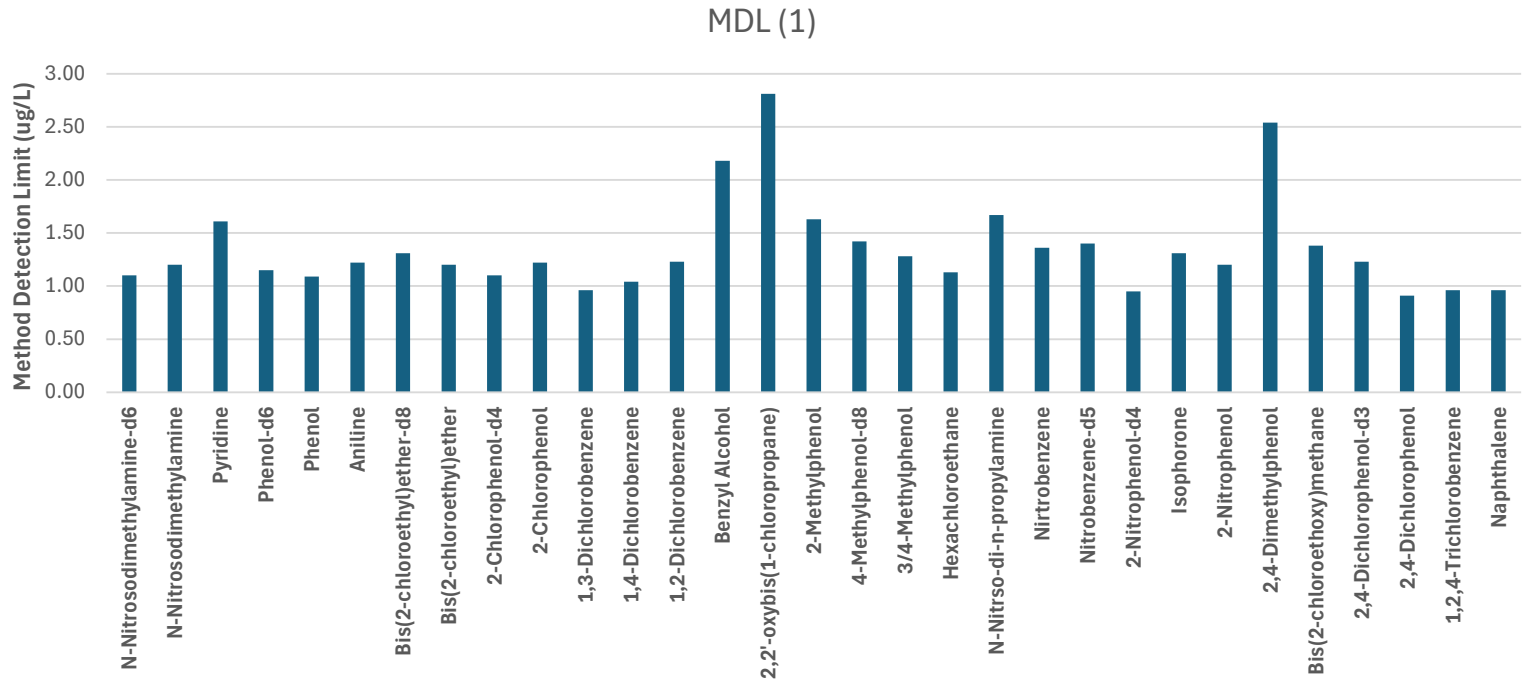
# Semi-Volatiles



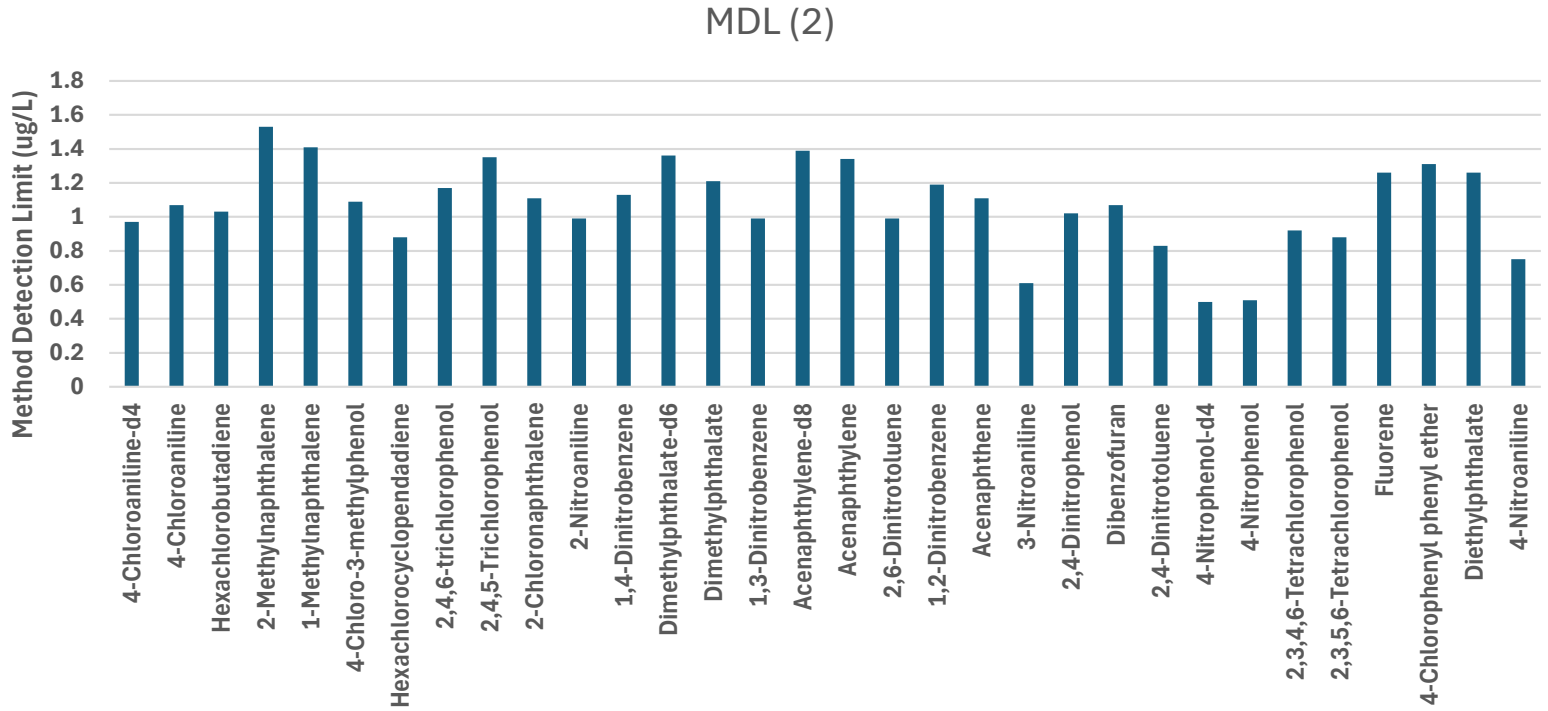
## **Method Detection Limit**



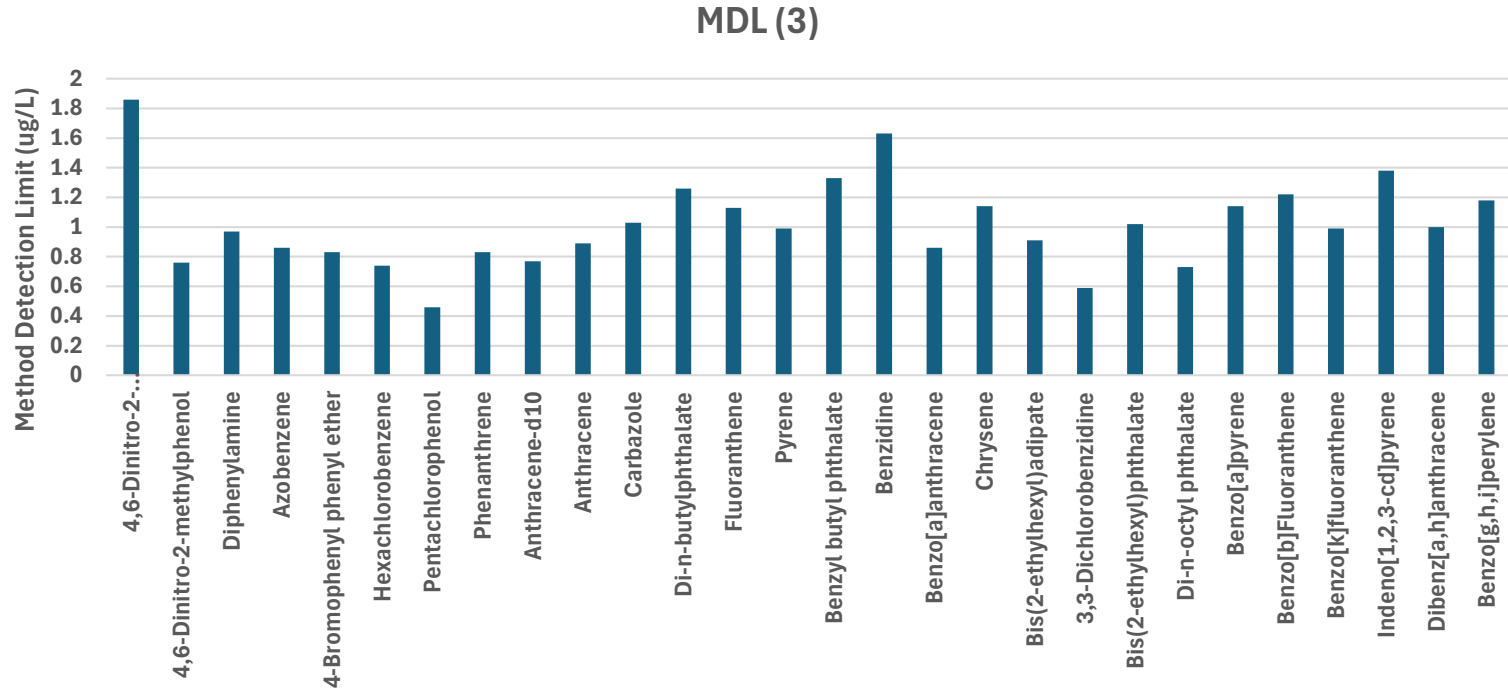
# MDL (1)



# MDL (2)



# MDL (3)





- **Use as many features from the FMS Automated systems and implement them into a Semi automated platform**
- **Develop as many SPE procedures for the testing lab using a single extraction platform.**
- **Minimize manual steps to lessen error and maximize limited man hours**

# Goal

- **Self Installable**
  - Unpacking and Installation/training video
- **Easy to Operate**
  - No Computers or Electronics to fail or maintain
- **Semi - Automated**
  - Hyphenates the entire Solid Phase Extraction Process – Extraction, Bottle Rinse, Inline Drying and Optional Direct to GC Vial Concentration
- **Fast**
  - The fastest sample processing available for SPE
  - Run up to six samples simultaneously
  - Vacuum for fast loading of large volume samples
  - Unattended Sample loading walkaway time
- **Closed system**
  - Eliminate potential outside contamination

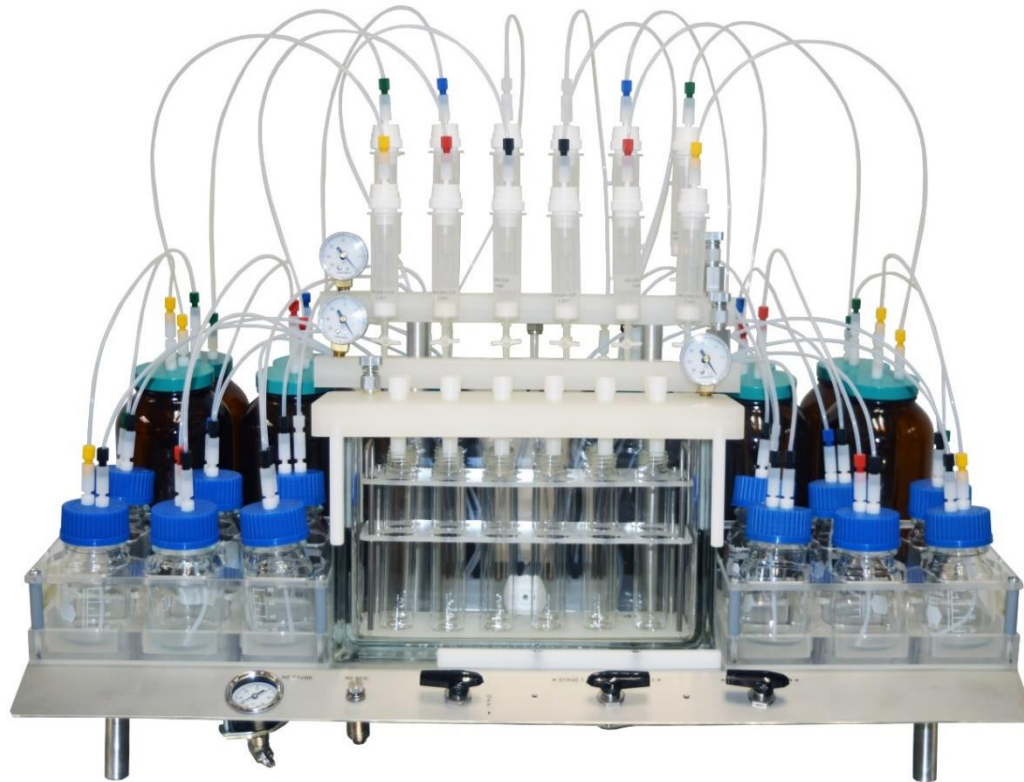
# Goal

- **Efficient**

- Uses all SPE cartridge sizes
- Dedicated manifold for cartridge conditioning and sample loading
- Dedicated manifold for extraction and extracts
- Separates Organic from Aqueous waste
- Vacuum cartridge drying, Nitrogen cartridge drying or combined
- Automated Bottle Rinse and Elution
- Inline Extract Drying
- Small number of components to clean

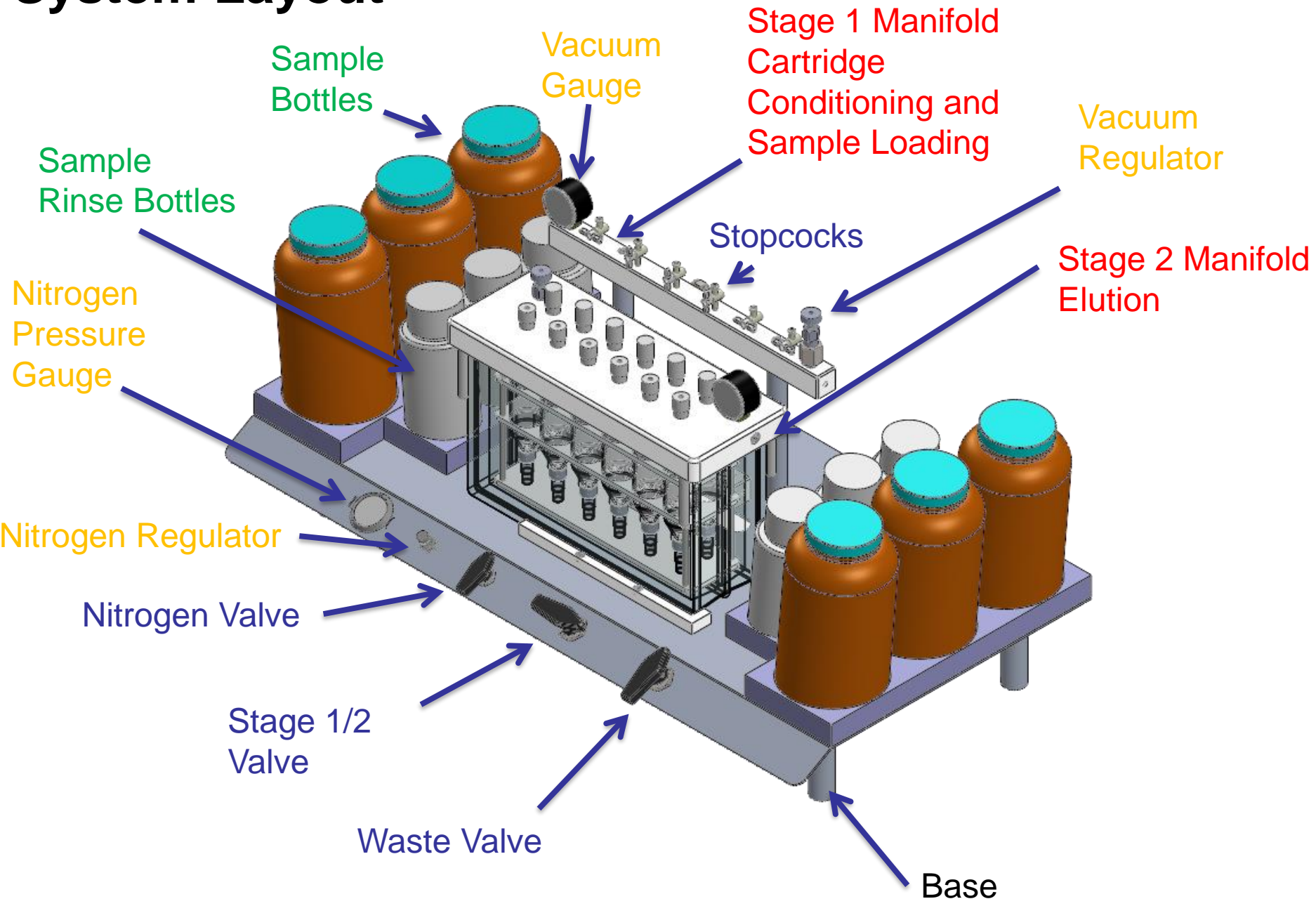
- **Low to No Capital Expense**

- Purchase an FMS Cartridge Contract
- Receive an EZSpe at No Charge

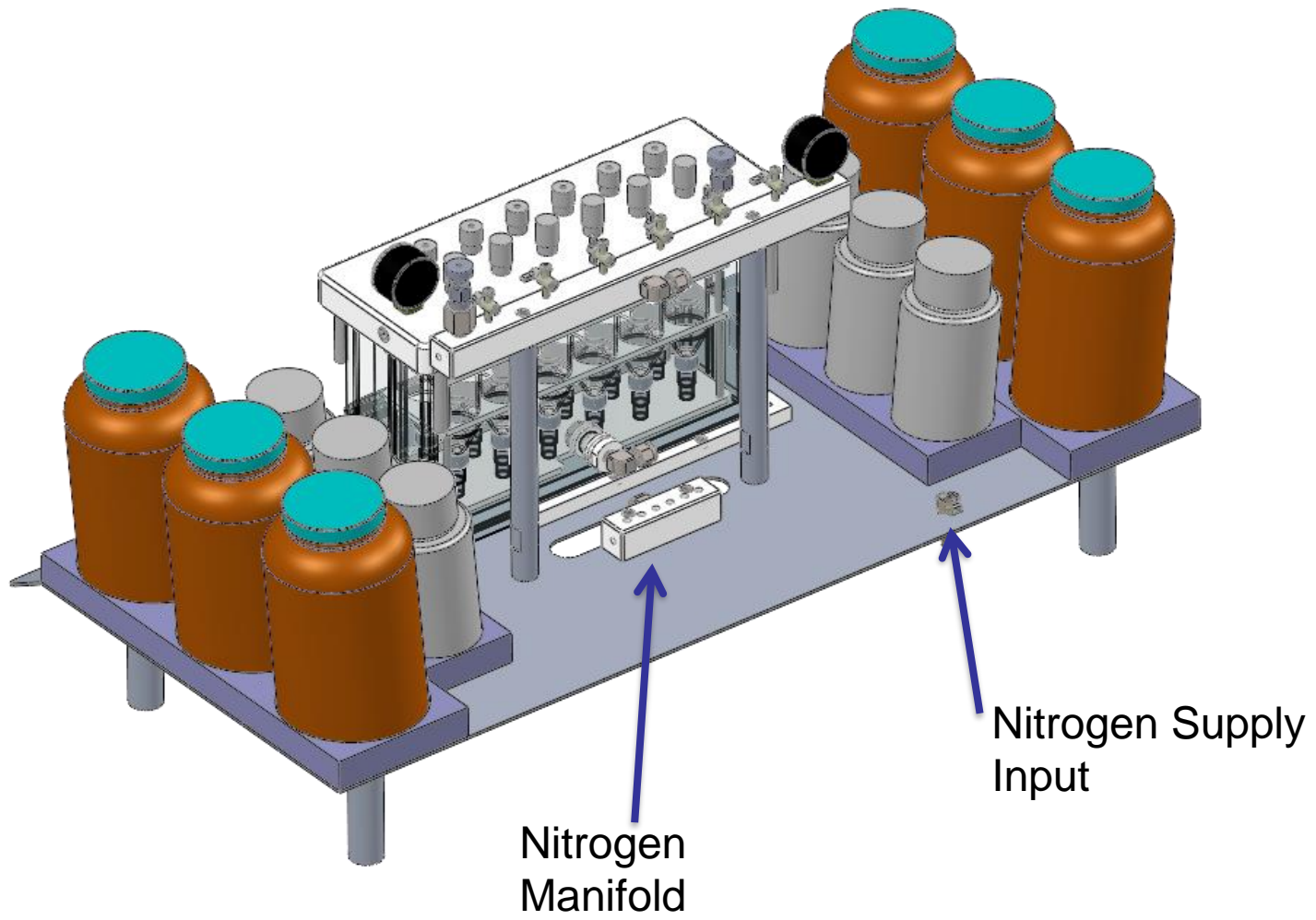


EZSpe 12 sample

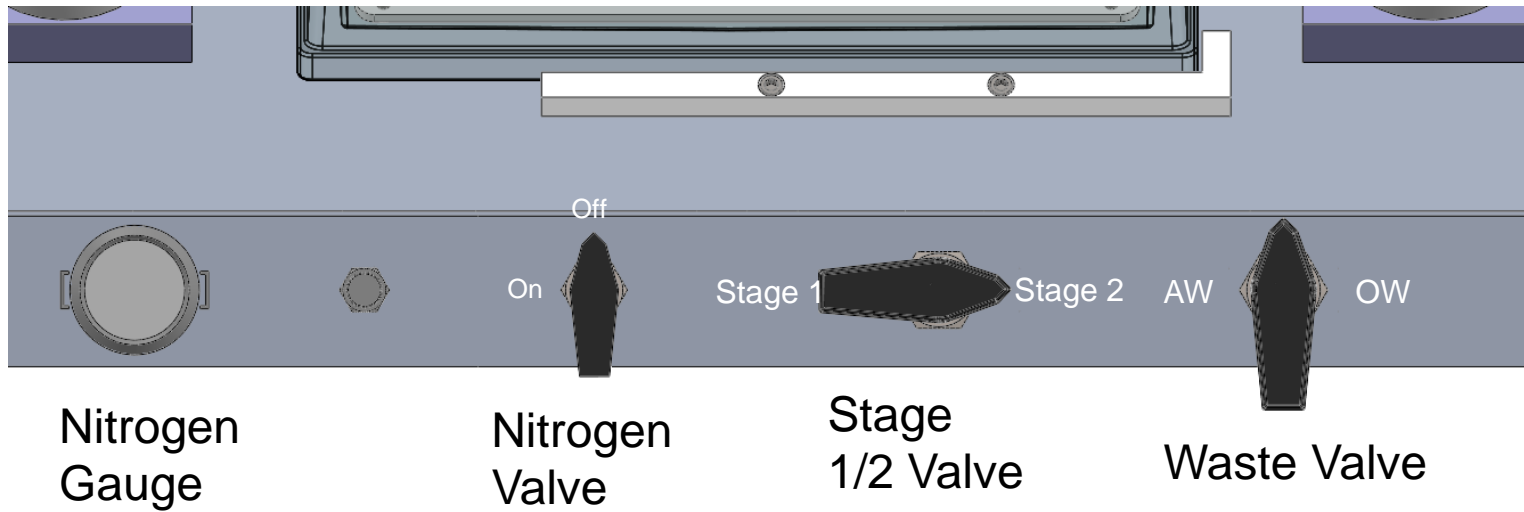
# System Layout








# Control Valve Layout



# Summary

- **Fully Automated Semi-Volatile extractions for various compound classes**
  - **Excellent recoveries**
  - **Method validated (five year US-based study), can be used internationally**
  - **Can use many brands of cartridges**
  - **Excellent MDL results**
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# Summary

- **Solid Phase Extraction is a well accepted technology**
  - **New Solid Phase Extraction Chemistries and Sorbents are being developed**
  - **Drinking Water and Waste Water Extractions**
    - 625/8270
    - 608
    - Validation data package is available
  - **Capable of performing in-line extract drying and/or Cartridge extract clean-ups**
  - **Reduce Solvent, Labor, and Time**
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- **EZSpe and SuperVap systems are easy to use and install**
  - Complete Water Sample Prep Workflow
- **Low cost, High throughput, Low maintenance solution**
- **EZSpe Extractions and Concentration is a very green technique**
  - Reduces Solvent Use
  - Reduces Solvent Disposal Costs
  - Reduces Solvent emissions



- **FMS Semi-Automated SPE and SuperVap systems deliver consistent, reproducible results**
- **Handles a wide range of Sample sizes and matrix types**
- **Uses all SPE Cartridge sizes**
- **Comply with existing methods that require vacuum, and precise delivery of samples and solvents**

Questions?

