

# NPUC Workshop

## A Machine Learning/Mass Spectrometry Approach to Understanding Solvent Extractions and Oxidation Reactions of Asphaltenes

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*Introducing our Team/Capabilities and  
Looking to Develop New Relationships*

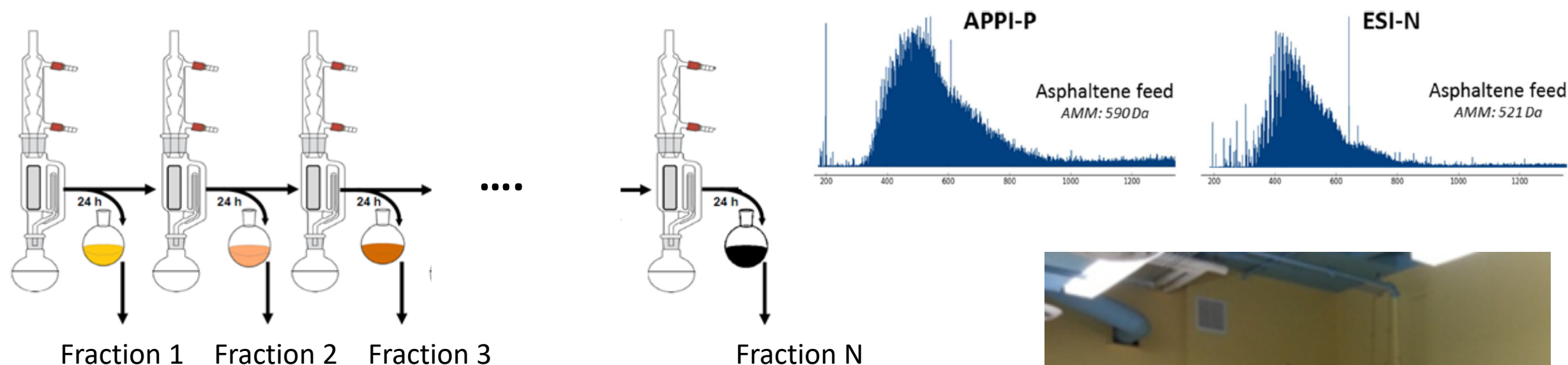
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# Radović & Larter (UCalgary PRG)

## State-of-the-Art Characterization and Extensive 'Petroleomics' Experience

Silva, Radovic et al., Energy and Fuels, 2015



Sequential fractionation based on polarity

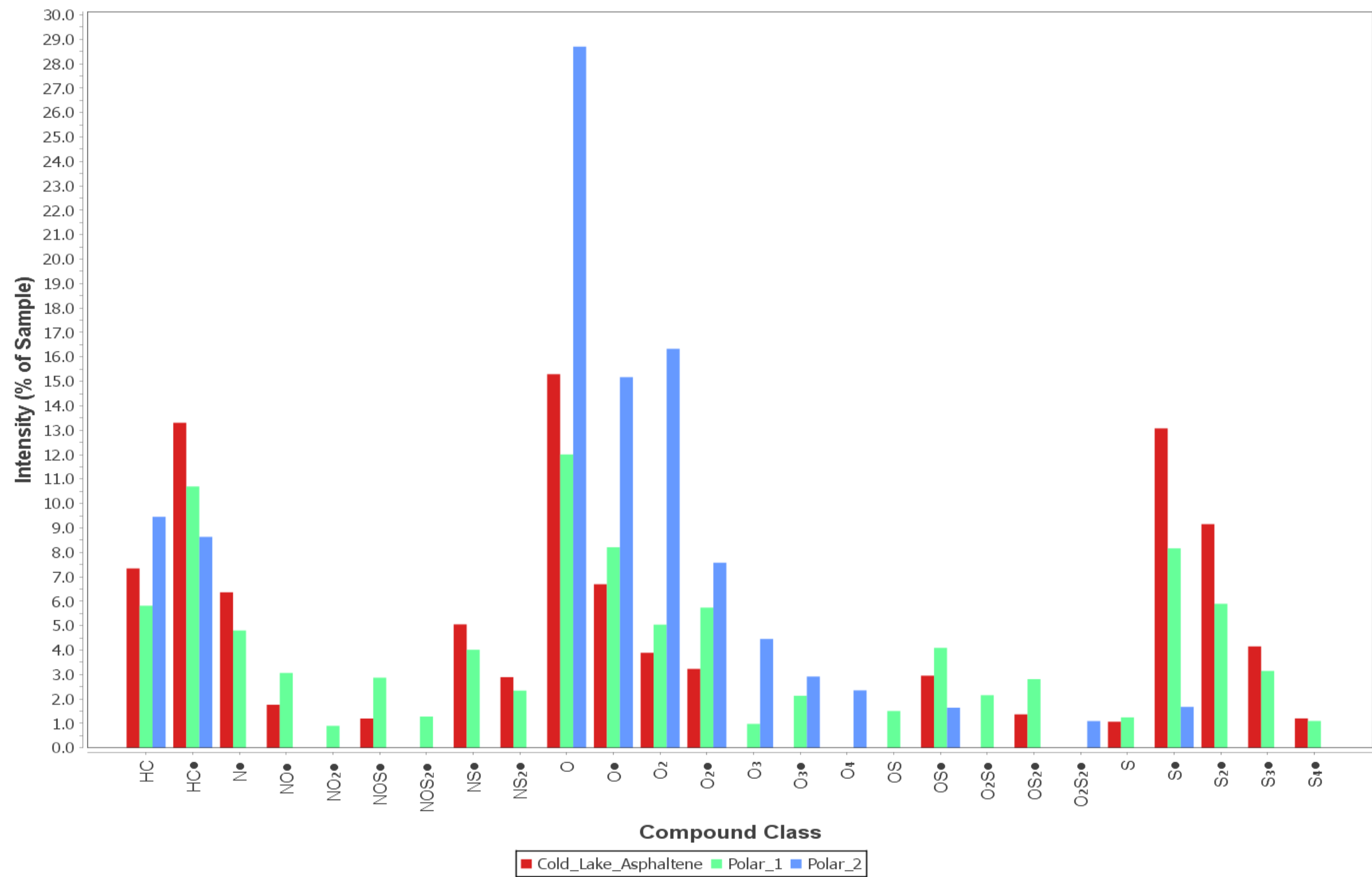
Previously applied to wide ranges of heavy oils and environmental samples

Fourier-Transform Ion Cyclotron Resonance-MS



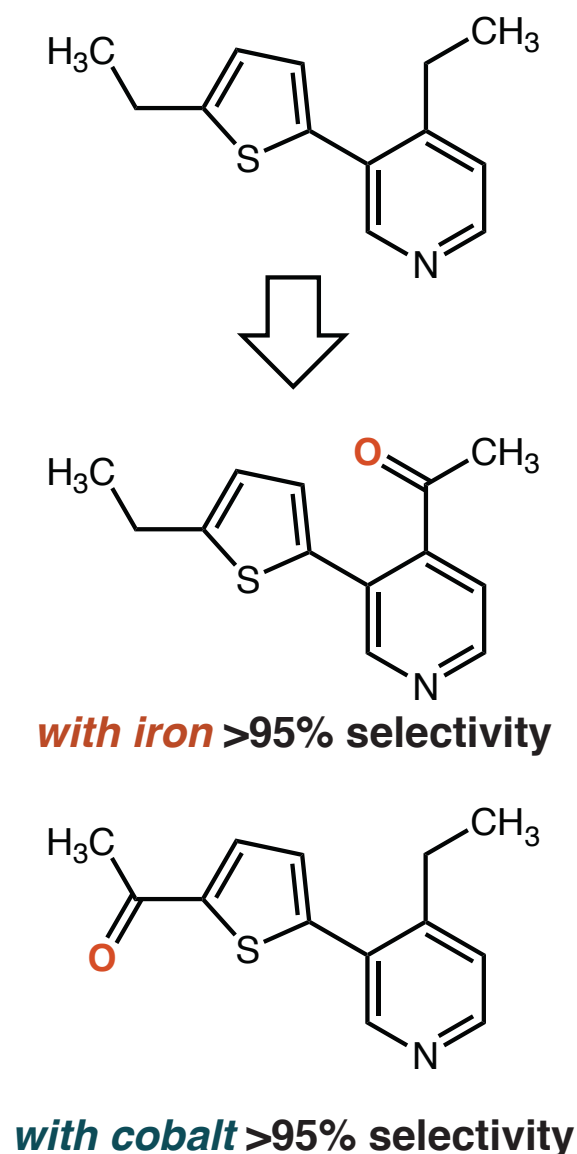
# Data display by class

APPI-P Ragnarök

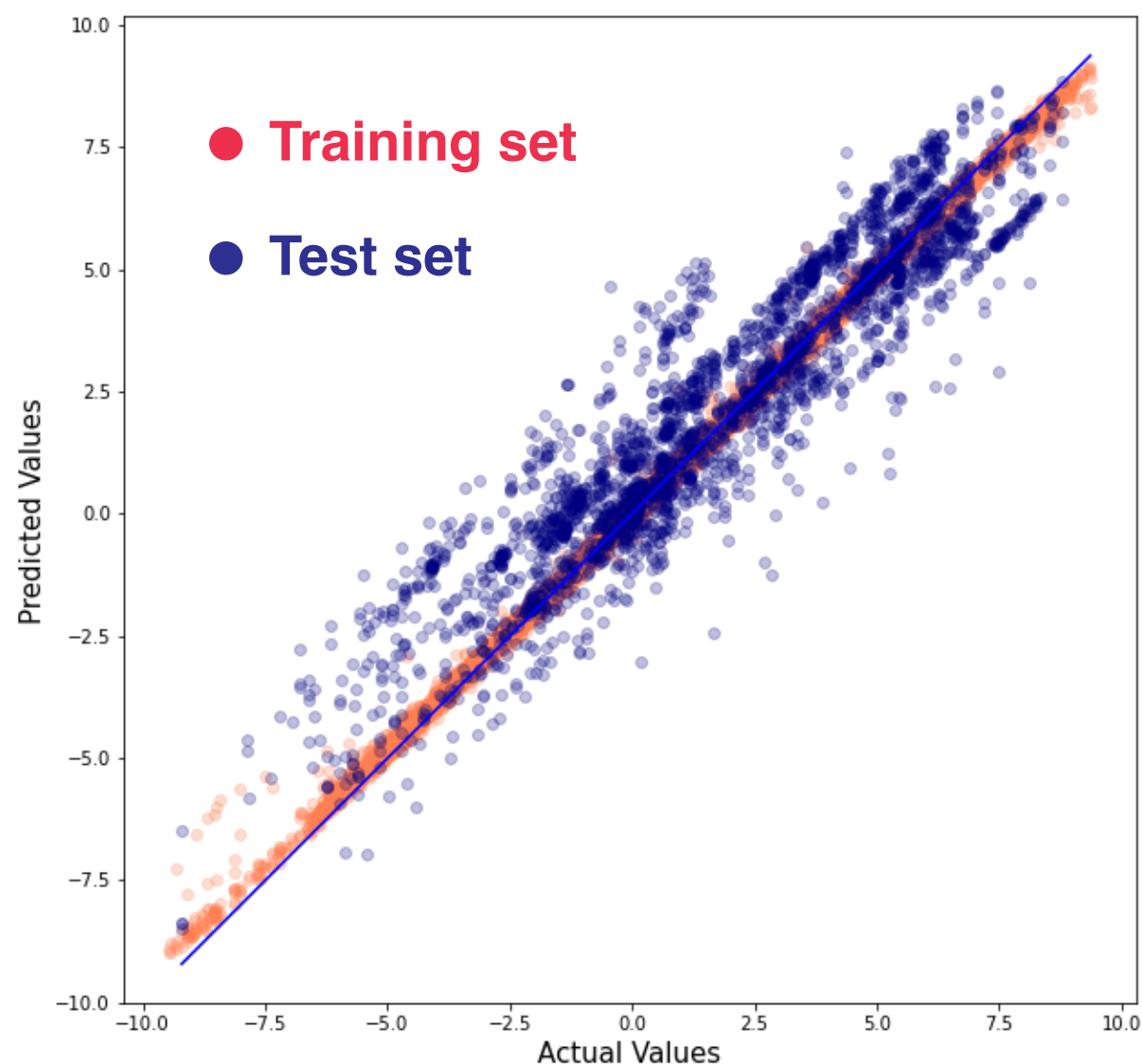


# Le & Van Humbeck (UCalgary Chemistry)

## *New Oxidation Reactions and ML Prediction of Medicinal Chemistry Properties*

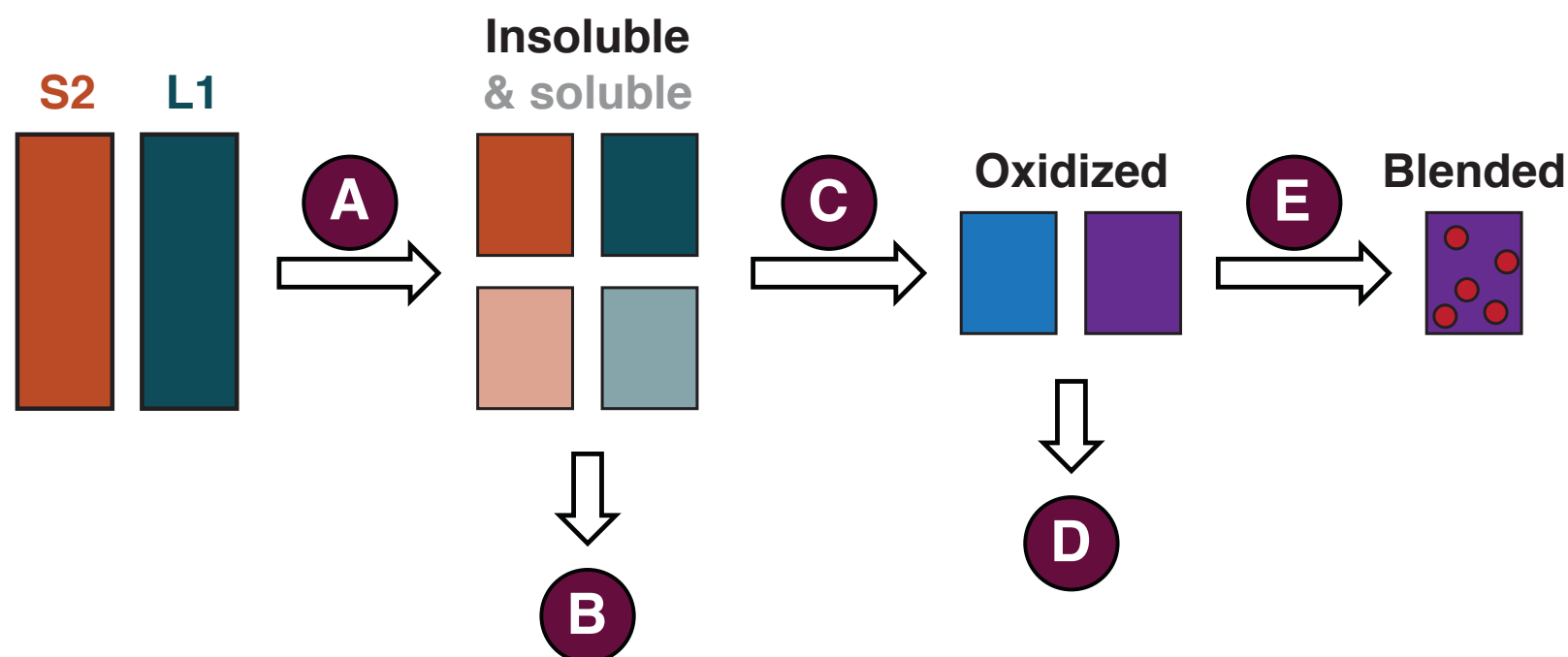


**Controlling position of C-H  
oxidation with catalyst**



**Prediction of small-molecule  
binding to CDK9 enzyme**

# Starting with Alberta Innovates CFGC/PRG



- Extract S2 and L1 with various blends selected from:
- A** Major component {CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, toluene}      Polar modifier {iPrOH, acetone}      pH modifier {AcOH, NEt<sub>3</sub>}
  - B** Gather HMRS (solubles), %S (all), ppm V (all), DSC (all)  
**30-40 HRMS, 60-70 %S, 60-70 V, 60-70 DSC**
  - C** Oxidize select fractions using conditions developed in CFGC  
Room temperature, cheap catalysts and oxidants, **selective**
  - D** DSC analysis of oxidized products (**30-40 DSC**)
  - E** Preliminary analysis of polymer blending (**~8 DSC**)

**Additionally provided  
MS data for 19 previous  
heavy oil samples**

# Part of CFREF-GRI “PHOENIX” team

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## TEAM

Geochemistry  
Electrochemistry  
Wood Science  
Photochemistry  
Catalysis  
Analytical chemistry  
Ionic liquids  
Separations

## GOALS

Biomass/bitumen to  
high value products  
New electrochemistry  
for low-C future  
Alternative vectors  
for carbon storage

## We have

Starting data  
for testing  
approaches

Initial targets  
based on  
AI CFGC

Diverse  
collaborative  
team

**New collaborations?**

## You have?

Materials or  
data for  
analysis?

Quantifiable  
goals for  
a process?

A need for  
our  
skills?